



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY**

**SLOCAN VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**OPEN MEETING AGENDA**

**9 a.m.**

**Thursday, February 27, 2025**

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).

**Join by Video:**

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**Join by Phone:**

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**Meeting Number (access code):** 918 8948 6289

**Meeting Password:** 471190

**In-Person Location:** Zoom only

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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| Committee Member Casley | New Denver |
| Committee Member Main   | Silverton  |
| Committee Member Popoff | Area H     |

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

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| Committee Member Lunn | Slocan |
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**STAFF**

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| Joe Chirico    | General Manager of Community Services            |
| Cary Gaynor    | Regional Parks Manager                           |
| Craig Stanley  | Regional Manager – Operations & Asset Management |
| Trisha Davison | Regional Manager – Recreation & Client Services  |
| Alana Jenkins  | Meeting Coordinator                              |

**3 out of 4 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (3 Times)**

Member Casley nominates Member Popoff

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CANDIDATES TO ADDRESS THE [COMMISSION/COMMITTEE]**

Two minutes per address.

**DECLARATION OF ELECTED OR ACCLAIMED CHAIR**

Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services ratifies the appointed Member Popoff as Chair of the Slocan Valley Services Committee for 2025.

**Carried**

**3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

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

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved that:

The Agenda for the February 27, 2025 Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

Being the first meeting of the Slocan Valley Services Committee minutes, there are no minutes to receive.

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**6.1 Budget Presentation**

Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services provided a budget presentation reviewing the plans for Slocan Valley Parks in 2025 and answered questions from the Committee.

**6.2 Service S178 2025 Draft Financial Plan**

The Committee Report dated February 20, 2025 from Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services, re: Service S178 - Cemetery-New Denver, Silverton and Defined Area H, has been received.

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved:

The Committee direct staff to invite the Village of New Denver Staff to attend the next Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting and present on the New Denver Cemetery budget requirements for 2026.

**Carried**

### **6.3 Service S200 2025 Draft Financial Plan**

The Commission/Committee Report dated February 20, 2025, from Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services, re: Service S200 - Public Library-Area H, has been received. The Committee discussed a future potential library service in New Denver. Joe Chirico answered questions from the Committee regarding the need for the scheduled budget increases.

### **6.4 Service S203 2025 Draft Financial Plan**

The Commission/Committee Report dated February 20, 2025 from Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services, re: Services S203 - Regional Parks-New Denver, Silverton, Slocan and Area H, has been received. Cary Gaynor, Regional Park Manager, spoke to the need to increase the budget allocated to the Galena Trail bridge replacement due to increased length per engineering requirements and the need to ship it in two pieces.

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved:

The Committee direct staff to increase capital expenditures in CAP1390 to \$92,000 to be funded by reducing the reserve contribution and funding from reserve.

**Carried**

### **6.5 Service S208 2025 Draft Financial Plan**

The Commission/Committee Report dated February 20, 2025 from Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services, re: Service S208 - Ski Hill-New Denver, Nakusp, Silverton and Areas K and H, has been received. Joe Chirico answered questions from the Committee regarding the limits on taxation and potential options available to the Committee.

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved:

The Committee direct staff to invite the Ski Hill Society to attend the next Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting.

**Carried**

### **6.6 Service S229 2025 Draft Financial Plan**

The Commission/Committee Report dated February 20, 2025 from Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services, re: Service S229 - Recreation Commission No.6-New Denver, Silverton and Defined Area H, has been received. Joe Chirico thanked the Village of New Denver Staff, and acknowledged the program could not operate without their cooperation. He advised RDCK is working to lower the administrative burden. Committee Member Casley acknowledged the thanks and that it has been a strain on staff at times, looking forward to continuing to work together. Committee Member Main advised that Silverton adds their thanks to the Village Staff as well.

### **6.7 Service S231 2025 Draft Financial Plan**

The Commission/Committee Report dated February 20, 2025 from Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services, re: Services S231 - Recreation Commission No.8-Slocan and Defined Area H, has been received. The Committee discussed the potential benefits of creating Advisory Committees and will circle back to the issue following the upcoming workshop.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Slocan Valley Services Committee Discussion**

Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Service facilitated a discussion with the Commission about the newly created Slocan Valley Services Committee. RDCK Bylaw 2242 has been included as information. Joe Chirico asked the committee members to think about if there are other services that could be included in the meeting. Committee Member Main advised the Economic Development Commission structure needs to be reviewed. Chair Popoff advised all Committee members to send future agenda items to Joe Chirico and cc Chair Popoff.

**ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED**      The Order of Business was changed, with Item 9 Next Meeting considered at this time.

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

The next Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for May 2025.

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved:

The Committee direct staff to poll the Committee Members and set a date for the May meeting, and prepare potential Committee meeting dates for the remainder of 2025.

**Carried**

**ORDER OF AGENDA RESUMED**      Item 8 Public Time was considered at this time.

## **9. PUBLIC TIME**

The Chair called for questions from the public at 10:51 a.m. No questions were received from the public.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved that:

The Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**Carried**

**DIGITALLY APPROVED**

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Walter Popoff, Chair

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.**

*Future Slocan Valley Services Committee Meetings*

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- 1. The Committee direct staff to invite the Village of New Denver Staff to attend the next Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting and present on the New Denver Cemetery budget requirements for 2026.*
- 2. The Committee direct staff to increase capital expenditures in CAP1390 to \$92,000 to be funded by reducing the reserve contribution and funding from reserve.*
- 3. The Committee direct staff to invite the Ski Hill Society to attend the next Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting.*
- 4. The Committee direct staff to poll the Committee Members and set a date for the May meeting, and prepare potential Committee meeting dates for the remainder of 2025.*