



WEST KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Open Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Hybrid Model - In-person and Remote

Directors will have the opportunity to participate in the meeting electronically. Proceedings are open to the public.

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1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

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

Meeting Time:

6:00 p.m. PST

Join by Video:

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Meeting ID: 925 5274 8566

Meeting Password: 174991

In-Person Location: The Confluence - 1995 6th Ave. Castlegar BC

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Baker called the meeting to order at ____ p.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

The agenda for the March 26, 2025 West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

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RECOMMENDATION:

The January 22, 2025 West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board meeting minutes be adopted.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Interior Health Authority

Todd Mastel, Interim Corporate Director, Financial Services

6.1.1 INTERIOR HEALTH UPDATE

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The updated presentation dated March 26, 2025 from Todd Mastel, Corporate Director Business Operations, re: Interior Health Update, has been received.

7. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

7.1 INTERIOR HEALTH CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE 2025/2026 FISCAL YEAR

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The Report dated January 22, 2025 from Interior Health, re: Capital Funding Request for the 2025/26 Fiscal Year, has been received for information.

7.2 BYLAWS

7.2.1 BYLAW NO. 422: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BYLAW

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Fluid Cooler for Heat Pump 2 at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 422, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 422, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

7.2.2	BYLAW NO. 423: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE Mental Health Community Outreach Location at Nelson Community, Nelson	39
RECOMMENDATION: That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 423, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.		
RECOMMENDATION: That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 423, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.		
7.2.3	BYLAW NO. 424: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE Humidification for Operating Room Air Handling Unit at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson	40
RECOMMENDATION: That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 424, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.		
RECOMMENDATION: That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 424, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.		
7.2.4	BYLAW NO. 425: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE Relocate & Replace Supply Fans 12 & 13 at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail	41
RECOMMENDATION: That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 425, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.		
RECOMMENDATION: That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 425, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.		
7.2.5	BYLAW NO. 426: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE Multizone Air Handling Unit Replacement at Boundary District Hospital, Grand Forks	42

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.426, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.426, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

7.2.6 BYLAW NO. 427: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

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Heating Water Distribution Upgrade at Castlegar & District Health Centre, Castlegar

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.427, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.427, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

7.2.7 BYLAW NO. 428: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

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Washroom Renovation, Accessible at Boundary Hospital, Grand Forks

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.428, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.428, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

7.2.8 BYLAW NO. 429: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

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Staircase to Rooftop at Arrow Lakes Hospital, Nakusp

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.429, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.429, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

7.2.9 BYLAW NO. 430: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

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Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR) Renovation at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.430, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.430, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

7.2.10 BYLAW NO. 431: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

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Electrical System Upgrade at Nelson Jubilee Manor, Nelson

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.431, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.431, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

7.2.11 BYLAW NO. 432: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

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Direct Digital Control (DDC) System Modernization at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.432, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.432, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

7.2.12 BYLAW NO. 433: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL

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HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Dining Room Solarium Replacement at Kootenay Boundary
Regional Hospital, Trail

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District
Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.433, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST,
SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District
Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.433, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and
the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

- 7.2.13 BYLAW NO. 434: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL
HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**
Interior Health - Wide Digital Health

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District
Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.434, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST,
SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District
Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.434, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and
the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

- 7.2.14 BYLAW NO. 435: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL
HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**
CT Scanner for Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District
Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.435, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST,
SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District
Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.435, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and
the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

- 7.2.15 BYLAW NO. 436: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL
HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**
CT Scanner for Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District
Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.436, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST,

SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.436, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

- 7.2.16 BYLAW NO. 437: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**
Equipment under \$100,000 (Global Grant)

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.437, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.437, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

- 7.2.17 BYLAW NO.438: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BYLAW**
Annual Budget for the year 2025

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The report dated March 26, 2025 from Stuart Horn, WKBRHD Secretary/Treasurer, re: Draft 2025 Budget Scenarios, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve WKBRHD budget scenario _____ with a taxation amount of \$ _____ and a contribution to reserve of _____.

*Note the final bylaw will be provided to Directors by email during the meeting in accordance with the budget option selected by the Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.438, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No.438, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

- 7.2.18 BYLAW 439: WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE & BORROWING**

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Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION:

West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.

RECOMMENDATION:

West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 CHAIR'S REPORT

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The Report dated March 26, 2025 from Everett Baker, re: Chair's Report, has been received.

8.2 WKBRHD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUMMARY

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The WKBRHD Accounts Payable Summary from the RDCK Finance Department for January - February 2025, has been received.

8.3 2025 UBCM CONVENTION - PROVINCIAL CABINET MINISTER MEETING PRIORITY TOPICS

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Discussion item.

The Report dated October 7, 2024 from Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary, re: 2024 UBCM Provincial Meeting Summary Notes, has been received for information.

Note - The UBCM Convention Provincial Cabinet Minister meeting request deadline will be before the next meeting.

9. QUESTION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC AND MEDIA

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at _____ p.m.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next North Kootenay Lake Services Committee meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

The meeting be adjourned at _____ p.m.



REGULAR BOARD MEETING Open Meeting Minutes

Date: January 22, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Hybrid Meeting (In-person and remote attendance)
 Castlegar & District Community Complex - Monashee Room

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Chair E. Baker	RDKB City of Grand Forks	In-Person
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(RDCK)

Director G. Jackman	Area A	In-Person
Director A. Watson	Area D	
Alternate Director J. Smienk	Area E	
Director T. Newell	Area F	
Director H. Cunningham	Area G	
Director W. Popoff	Area H	In-Person
Director A. Davidoff	Area I	
Director T. Weatherhead	Area K	
Director B. Bogle	City of Castlegar	In-Person
Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-Person
Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	
Director K. Page	City of Nelson	In-Person
Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver	
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	
Director L. Main	Village of Silverton	
Director E. Buller	Village of Slocan	

(RDKB)

Director A. Grieve	Area A	In-Person
Director L. Worley	Area B	In-Person
Director G. McGregor	Area C	In-Person
Director L. Wiese	Area D	In-Person
Director S. Gibbs	Area E	
Director B. Wenman	Village of Fruitvale	In-Person
Director C. Rhodes	City of Greenwood	
Director J. Willsey	Village of Midway	
Director D. Berriault	Village of Montrose	In-Person

Director J. Weaver
Director T. Martin
Alternate Director R. Masleck

City of Rossland
City of Trail
Village of Warfield

In-Person

ELECTED DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Director C. Graham
Director H. Hanegraaf
Director F. Marino

RDCK Area E
RDCK Area I
Village of Warfield

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn
M. Morrison
C. Hopkyns

Secretary/Treasurer
Deputy Secretary
Recording Secretary

INTERIOR HEALTH

L. De Best
T. Mastel

Executive Director, Clinical Operations – Kootenay
Corporate Director, Business Operations

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/92552748566?pwd=Wxv0pyVwN6b1QknuGNqRcLbzxd26dz.1>

Join by phone:

- 833 958 1164 Canada Toll-free

Meeting number (access code): 925 5274 8566

Meeting password: 174991

Proceedings are open to the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Stuart Horn, Secretary/Treasurer, will assume the chair at 6:08 pm.

2. ELECTION

2.1 ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

Call for Nominations (3 Times)

Stuart Horn, Secretary/Treasurer called for nominations a first time.

Director Hewat and Baker were nominated.

Stuart Horn called for nominations a second and third time.

Opportunity for Candidates to Address the Board

Directors Hewat and Baker each gave a two-minute address.

Vote by Secret Ballot

Directors in-person provided their votes by ballot to Deputy Secretary Morrison.

Directors online provided their votes by email to Secretary/Treasurer Horn and Recording Secretary Hopkyns.

After collecting the votes, Secretary/Treasurer Horn and Deputy Secretary Morrison exited the room and counted the ballots.

Declaration of Elected or Acclaimed Board Chair

Director Baker was declared the Chair of the West Kootenay-Boundary Hospital District Board for 2025.

ELECTION OF ACTING CHAIR

Call for Nominations (3 Times)

Stuart Horn called for nominations the first time.

Director Marino and Hewat were nominated.

Stuart Horn called for nominations a second and third time.

Opportunity for Candidates to Address the Board

Director Hewat gave an address. Director Marino was not present.

Vote by Secret Ballot

Directors in-person provided their votes by ballot to Deputy Secretary Morrison.

Directors online provided their votes by email to Secretary/Treasurer Horn and Recording Secretary Hopkyns.

After collecting the votes, Secretary/Treasurer Horn and Deputy Secretary Morrison exited the room and counted the ballots.

Declaration of Elected or Acclaimed Acting Chair

Director Hewat was declared the Acting Chair of the West Kootenay-Boundary Hospital District Board for 2025.

Destroy Ballots

Moved, seconded

And resolved:

01/25

That the emails and ballots for the election of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board be destroyed.

Carried

3. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Chair Baker thanked the Board for their support and looks forward to working with everyone.

4. ACTING CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Chair Hewat thanked the Board for their support and looks forward to working with everyone.

5. COMMENCEMENT OF BOARD MEETING

The WKBRHD Board 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:

02/25

That the agenda for the January 22, 2025 Board meeting be adopted as circulated with the correction to Item 6.2 - Appointment of Alternate Directors, with the change the Alternate Director for Village of Silvertown name to Tanya Gordon before circulation.

Carried

5.3 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

03/25

The minutes from the June 26, 2024 Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. WKBRHD APPOINTMENTS

6.1 Appointment of Directors

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

04/25

That the following Regional District Directors/Alternate Directors be appointed as Directors of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for 2025:

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Garry Jackman, Electoral Area A
Aimee Watson, Electoral Area D
Cheryl Graham, Electoral Area E
Tom Newell, Electoral Area F
Hans Cunningham, Electoral Area G
Walter Popoff, Electoral Area H
Andy Davidoff, Electoral Area I
Henny Hanegraaf, Electoral Area J
Teresa Weatherhead, Electoral Area K
Brian Bogle, City of Castlegar
Suzan Hewat, Village of Kaslo
Aidan McLaren-Caux, Village of Nakusp
Keith Page, City of Nelson
Leonard Casley, Village of New Denver
Diana Lockwood, Village of Salmo
Leah Main, Village of Silverton
Ezra Buller, Village of Slocan

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Ali Grieve, Electoral Area A
Linda Worley, Electoral Area B
Grace McGregor, Electoral Area C
Linda Kay Wiese, Electoral Area D
Sharen Gibbs, Electoral Area E
Bill Wenman, Village of Fruitvale
Everett Baker, City of Grand Forks
CJ Rhodes, City of Greenwood
Judy Willsey, Village of Midway
Don Berriault, Village of Montrose
Jeff Weaver, City of Rossland
Terry Martin, City of Trail
Frank Marino, Village of Warfield

Carried

6.2 Appointment of Alternate Directors

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

05/25

That the following Regional District Alternate Directors/Directors be appointed as Alternate Directors of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for 2025:

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Gina Medhurst, Area A
Victoria McAllister, Area D
Josh Smienk, Area E
Eric White Area F
Isabelle Herzig, Area G
Amanda Verigin, Area H
Andy Ozeroff, Area I
Rick Smith, Area J
Paul Peterson, Area K
Maria McFaddin, City of Castlegar
Robert Lang, Village of Kaslo
Tom Zeleznik, Village of Nakusp
Rik Logtenberg, City of Nelson
John Fyke, Village of New Denver
Jennifer Lins, Village of Salmo
Tanya Gordon, Village of Silverton

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Kirby Epp, Area A
Bill Edwards, Area B
Annie Rioux, Area C
Mona Mattai, Area D
Grant Harfman Area E
Rod Zielinski, City of Grand Forks
Gerry Shaw, City of Greenwood
Richard Dunsdon, Village of Midway
Mike Walsh, Village of Montrose
Andy Morel, City of Rossland
Colleen Jones, City of Trail
Ray Masleck, Village of Warfield

Jessica Lunn, Village of Slocan

Carried

6.3 Appointment of the Executive Committee

Chair Baker called for nominations for Arrow Lakes/Slocan/Castlegar/Nakusp the first time.

Directors Casley and McLaren-Caux were nominated.

Director McLaren-Caux withdrew his nomination.

Chair Baker called for nominations for Arrow Lakes/Slocan/Castlegar/Nakusp a second and third time.

Directors Casley was declared the Arrow Lakes/Slocan/Castlegar/Nakusp Executive Committee member for 2025.

Chair Baker called for nominations for Kootenay (Kaslo/Nelson/Salmo) the first time.

Director Page was nominated.

Chair Baker called for nominations for Kootenay (Kaslo/Nelson/Salmo) a second and third time.

Directors Page was declared the Kootenay (Kaslo/Nelson/Salmo) Executive Committee member for 2025.

Chair Baker called for nominations for Boundary the first time.

Director Gibbs was nominated.

Chair Baker called for nominations for Boundary a second and third time.
and Martin were nominated.

Directors Gibbs was declared the Boundary Executive Committee member for 2025.

Chair Baker called for nominations for Greater Trail the first time.

Director Martin was nominated.

Chair Baker called for nominations for Greater Trail a second and third time.

Directors Martin was declared the Greater Trail Executive Committee member for 2025.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

06/25

That the following Directors, in addition to the Chair and Acting Chair, are hereby appointed to the Executive Committee of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital Board for 2025:

Arrow Lakes/Slocan/Castlegar/Nakusp:	L. Casley
Kootenay (Kaslo/Nelson/Salmo):	K. Page
Boundary:	S. Gibbs
Greater Trail:	T. Martin

Carried

7 DELEGATIONS

INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY

Todd Mastel, Corporate Director Business Operations

Lannon DeBest, Executive Director, Clinical Operations – Kootenay Boundary

7.1 INTERIOR HEALTH 2025/26 CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST

The updated presentation dated January 22, 2025 from Todd Mastel, Corporate Director Business Operations and Lannon De Best, Executive Director, Clinical Operations Kootenay Boundary, re: Interior Health 2025/26 Capital Funding Request, has been received in the addenda package.

Todd Mastel provided an Interior Health presentation and discussed the following:

- Themes for 2025/26
- The summary of the 2025/26 capital funding requests;
- The construction projects and equipment over and under \$100K;
- The IH wide digital health; and
- Equipment over and under \$100K.

Mr. Mastel answered the Board's questions.

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Newell left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

7.2 CLINICAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Lannon DeBest provided an update on the following Interior Health Clinical Operations:

- Nelson Health Centre – continues to progress, opening summer of 2025.
- Crisis Response Team – introduced in 2023, this program supplies support those in immediate need. Great success with this program, meeting need in community, reducing emergency department use and police services use.
- KBRH Neonatal Intensive Care Unit – opened last year, this unit has been a success, keep families facing early deliveries closer to home.

- 2024 Interior Health (IH) has hired 569 new staff in Kootenay Boundary which helps IH to provide reliable services across the spectrum of care, as well helps maintain beds numbers and stabilize staffing in communities.

8 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

8.1 BYLAW NO. 421

(Magnetic Resonance Imaging Expansion Project - KBRH)

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

07/25 *West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 421, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time.*

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

08/25 *West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 421, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.*

Carried

9 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair's Report from 2024 WKBRHD Board Chair Hewat, has been received.

Director Hewat provided a verbal review of her report.

9.2 INTERIOR HEALTH CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR 2025/26 FISCAL YEAR

The letter dated December 16, 2024 from Sylvia Weir, VP & Chief Financial Officer, Interior Health Authority, has been received.

The updated letter dated January 22, 2025 from Sylvia Weir, VP & Chief Financial Officer, Interior Health Authority, has been received in the addenda package.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

09/25 That the WKBRHD consider funding each of the items in the Interior Health Authority's 2025 funding request and that staff be directed to prepare the necessary bylaws for Board review and decision at the March 26, 2025 Board meeting.

Carried

9.3 SMALL CAPITAL BUDGET

Todd Mastel and Lannon DeBest provided an overview of the Small Capital Budget process, and talked about opportunities to engage in discussion.

Todd and Lannon answered the Boards questions.

9.4 WKBRHD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUMMARY

The WKBRHD Accounts Payable Summary report prepared by the RDCK Finance Department for June – December 2024, has been received.

9.5 FOR INFORMATION: 2024 UBCM PROVINCIAL MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

The Report dated October 7, 2024 from Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary, re: 2024 UBCM Provincial Meeting Summary Notes, has been received for information.

9.6 FOR INFORMATION: 2023-24 GLOBAL GRANTS SUMMARY

The letter dated July 15, 2024 from Cindy Rephin, Executive Director Capital Finance & Controller, has been received for information.

9.7 FOR INFORMATION: 2023 WKBRHD AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2023 WKBRHD Financial Statements dated year ended December 31, 2023, has been received for information. In accordance with Section 16.1 of the *Hospital District Act*, the WKBRHD Board passed the following resolution to approve the 2023 WKBRHD Financial Statements by email vote in December 2024:

THAT the audited financial statements for the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District for the year ended December 31, 2023 be approved.

9.8 INVITATION - MINISTER OF HEALTH JOSIE OSBORNE, MLA BRITTNY ANDERSON AND MLA STEVE MORISSETTE

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

10/25

That staff send an invitation to Minister of Health Josie Osborne, MLA Brittney Anderson, MLA Steve Morissette and MLA Donegal Wilson to attend a WKBRHD Board meeting.

Carried

**9.9 2025 WKBRHD BOARD MEETINGS
RECOMMENDATION**

At the request of Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, staff are proposing moving the June 25, 2025 meeting date an alternate date due to a scheduling conflict.

The Board had a discussion regarding alternative dates for the June meeting.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

11/25 That the 2025 WKBRHD Board meeting dates be set as follows:

- Wednesday January 22,
- Wednesday March 26,
- Thursday, June 26, and
- Wednesday October 22.

Carried

10 QUESTIONS PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media.

No public or media asked questions.

11 IN CAMERA

11.1 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

12/25 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 basis(es) identified in the following Subsections:

90 (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting;

Carried

11.2 RECESS OF OPEN MEETING

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

13/25 The Open Meeting be recessed in order to conduct the Closed In Camera meeting.

Carried

12 ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

14/25 That the meeting adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Carried

Everett Baker, WKBHRD Board Chair

Christine Hopkyns, Recording Secretary

Interior Health Update

Presented to
West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District

Todd Mastel, Corporate Director, Business Operations
March 26, 2025

Land Acknowledgement

Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Ktunaxa, syilx, Sinixt, and Secwepemc Nations where we live, learn, collaborate and work together.



Agenda

- Under \$100K Global Grant 2025/26 Initial Allocation Plan
- Project Updates by Community
- Questions



Under \$100K Global Grant 2025/26 Initial Allocation Plan

- Under \$100K Funding Request for 2025/26 - \$1,305,900
- WKBRHD 40% share - \$522,400
- Planned 42 items for the fiscal year
- Investments in 10 facilities throughout West Kootenay Boundary



Under \$100K Global Grant 2025-26 Initial Listing

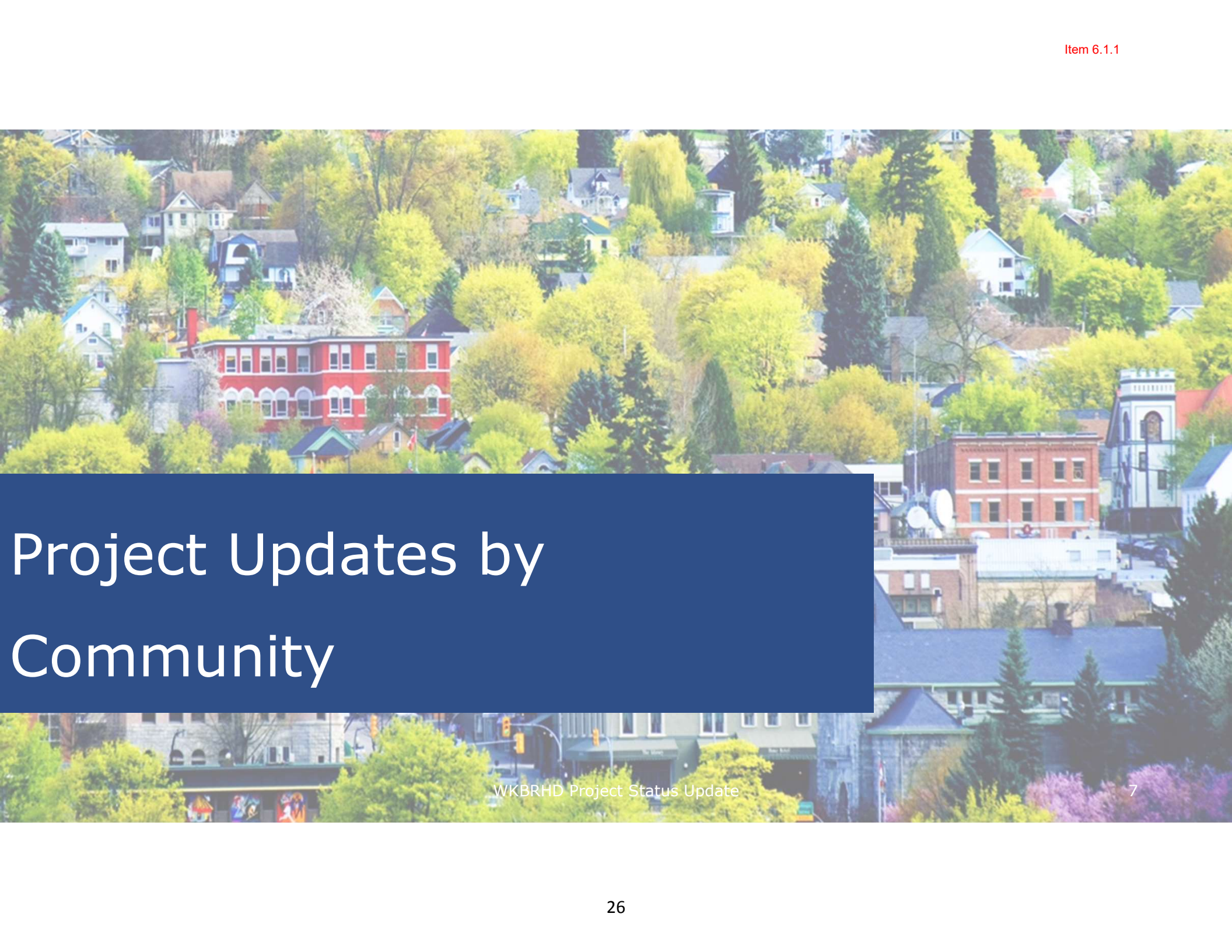
Facility	Department	Type of Equipment	Total Budget
Arrow Lakes Hospital	Emergency	Physiological Monitors	\$74,000
Arrow Lakes Hospital	Medical	S3 Bed, Patient	\$14,000
Boundary Hospital	Emergency	Monitor, Central 5 zones	\$29,000
Boundary Hospital	Medical Imaging	Portable Radiography (X-ray) Unit	\$96,000
Boundary Hospital	Medical	S3 Bed, Patient	\$14,000
Boundary Hospital	Medical	S3 Bed, Patient	\$14,000
Boundary Hospital	Medical	S3 Bed, Patient	\$14,000
Boundary Hospital	Emergency	Defibrillator	\$23,000
Castlegar District Health Centre	Emergency	Chest Compression System (Lucas)	\$24,000
Castlegar District Health Centre	Housekeeping	Ride on Auto Scrubber	\$13,000
Castlegar District Health Centre	Emergency	Physiological Monitors	\$21,000
Columbia View Lodge	400 Unit	Bathtub, bariatric	\$23,000
East Shore Health Centre	Health Centre	ECG Machine, 12 Lead	\$20,000
Kiro Wellness Centre	Housekeeping	Autoscrubber, Taski Swingo 855B Power 20"	\$12,000
Kiro Wellness Centre	Heart Clinic	Ultrasound, Portable	\$16,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Medical Imaging	Portable Radiography (X-ray) Unit	\$96,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Laboratory	Histology Slide Printer	\$44,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	3rd floor medical	Ceiling Lifts, Bariatric	\$16,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Histology Department	Histology Cassette Printer	\$54,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	ICU	ICU Ultrasound	\$70,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	KBH Laboratory	Analyzer, Urinalysis	\$65,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	KBRH Ambulatory Care	Microscope, OPMI PICO	\$56,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Biomedical Engineering - KBH	Electrical Safety Analyzer	\$13,000



Under \$100K Global Grant 2025-26 Initial Listing

Facility	Department	Type of Equipment	Total Budget
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Medical	Ceiling Lifts, Bariatric	\$16,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Emergency	Defibrillator	\$23,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Medical	S3 Bed, Patient	\$14,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Medical	S3 Bed, Patient	\$14,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Medical	S3 Bed, Patient	\$14,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Medical	S3 Bed, Patient	\$14,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Obstetrics/Gyne	S3 Bed, Patient	\$14,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Obstetrics/Gyne	S3 Bed, Patient	\$14,000
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Medical Imaging	Transducer, Ultrasound	\$13,000
Kootenay Lake Hospital	2nd floor	KLH Sterilizer, Steris System 1 Express	\$71,000
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Pharmacy	Inventory Scanning system, Intelligard Tray	\$43,000
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Obstetrics	Incubator, mobile, infant	\$42,900
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Medical	S3 Bed, Patient	\$14,000
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Medical	S3 Bed, Patient	\$14,000
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Medical	S3 Bed, Patient	\$14,000
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Medical	Ceiling Lifts, Bariatric	\$16,000
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Emergency	Defibrillator/Pacemaker	\$23,000
Slocan Community Hospital	Slocan Community Health Centre	Defibrillator, Lifepak 15	\$25,000
Slocan Community Hospital	Pavilion Tub Room	Bathing Tub Replacement	\$43,000
Victorian Health Centre of Kaslo	Tub room main floor	Bathing Tub Replacement	\$43,000
TOTAL			\$1,305,900





Project Updates by Community

WKBKRD Project Status Update

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Castlegar and Grand Forks Projects

Castlegar & District Health Centre

Project	Fiscal Year Request	Total Budget	WKBHRD Contribution	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
Fire Alarm System	2024-25	\$1,375,250	\$550,100	Feb-26	Design work and costing update underway.

Boundary Hospital (Grand Forks)

Project	Fiscal Year Request	Total Budget	WKBHRD Contribution	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
Replace Multizone Air Handling Unit	2022-23	\$641,100	\$256,600	Jan-26	Budget increase of \$288K requested in 2025-26 funding letter. Anticipate construction to begin Spring 2025.
Building Management System Upgrade	2023-24	\$95,000	\$38,000	May-24	Complete.
Washroom Renovation, Accessibility	2024-25	\$96,000	\$38,400	Aug-25	Renovations underway.
Air Handling Unit	2024-25	\$99,000	\$39,600	Aug-25	Engineer engagement April 2025.



Nelson Projects

Kootenay Lake Hospital (Nelson)

Project	Fiscal Year Request	Total Budget	WKBHRD Contribution	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
Waste & Cardboard Compactor	2019-20	\$522,000	\$208,800	Sep-25	Work underway.
Relocation Oncology Department	2019-20	\$50,000	\$20,000	TBD	Planning work complete. Awaiting Ministry of Health direction to proceed.
Humidification for Operating Room	2021-22	\$75,000	\$30,000	Oct-25	Engineer re-engagement underway. Budget increase of \$75K requested in 2025-26 funding letter.
Pharmacy Medstations	2023-24	\$534,000	\$201,600	Mar-25	Complete.
Medical Device Reprocessing - Renovation Planning	2023-24	\$350,000	\$140,000	TBD	Awaiting Ministry of Health approval to proceed with planning work.
Medical Imaging Renovation	2023-24	\$99,000	\$39,600	Mar-25	Construction complete, close out documents in progress.
Building Voltage Regulation	2024-25	\$562,201	\$137,440	Sep-25	Proposals current being reviewed, anticipate successful proponent will be awarded soon.

Nelson Health Campus

Project	Fiscal Year Request	Total Budget	WKBHRD Contribution	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
Tenant Improvements for LTC, Nelson	2023-24	\$12,940,000	\$2,000,000	May-25	LTC building substantially complete.
LTC & Community Clinic Equipment, Nelson	2023-24	\$7,000,000	\$2,800,000	May-25	Equipment deliveries shifted out due to construction delays.



Trail Projects

Columbia View Lodge

Project	Fiscal Year Request	Total Budget	WKBHRD Contribution	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
Chiller & Cooling Tower Replacement, Columbia View Lodge, Castlegar	2022-23	\$1,317,935	\$527,200	Jun-25	Work underway.
Columbia View Lodge, Replace Roof Top Handlers, Castlegar	2023-24	\$95,000	\$38,000	Oct-25	Procurement to be issued April 2025.

Harbour House

Project	Fiscal Year Request	Total Budget	WKBHRD Contribution	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
Drainage	2020-21	\$95,000	\$38,000	Aug-25	Engineering Consultant engaged, PO to be issued.

Kiro Wellness Centre

Project	Fiscal Year Request	Total Budget	WKBHRD Contribution	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
Replace Rooftop Air Handlers	2019-20	\$55,000	\$22,000	Oct-25	Procurement to be issued April 2025.
Staff Duress System	2023-24	\$75,000	\$30,000	Apr-25	Work underway and nearing completion.



Trail Projects

Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital

Project	Fiscal Year Request	Total Budget	WKBKRD Contribution	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
Isolation Valves	2019-20	\$90,000	\$36,000	Dec-24	Complete.
Roof Top Fall Protection Rails	2019-20	\$89,000	\$35,600	Feb-25	Complete.
Bathroom Renovation	2020-21	\$75,000	\$30,000	Mar-25	Construction complete, close out documents in progress.
Exterior Mechanical Room Access	2020-21	\$66,500	\$26,600	TBD	Design being re-evaluated, potential cost pressure.
Steam Plant Retrofits	2021-22	\$2,520,461	\$1,008,200	Jun-25	Delivery of chiller delayed due to error from manufacturer. Install of correct unit began Feb 2025.
Public Elevator Modernization	2021-22	\$1,350,000	\$540,000	Jun-24	Complete.
MRI	2023-24	\$35,864,000	\$13,945,000	Sep-28	Schematic Design Report completed.
Relocation and Replace Supply Fan	2023-24	\$3,258,150	\$1,303,300	Feb-27	Required scope to complete project larger than anticipated. Budget increase of \$1.427M requested in 2025-26 funding letter.
Meal Delivery System	2023-24	\$917,000	\$366,800	May-25	Most of major equipment installed. Additional work to be done in the storage area and pantry.
Breast Specimen Radiography System	2023-24	\$135,000	\$54,000	Jun-24	Complete.
Steam Sterilizer	2024-25	\$129,699	\$51,880	Mar-25	Nearing completion.
Boiler Feedwater	2024-25	\$99,900	\$39,960	Apr-25	Nearing completion.



Nakusp, Crawford Bay & Edgewood Projects

Arrow Lakes Hospital (Nakusp)

Project	Fiscal Year Request	Total Budget	WKBHRD Contribution	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
Washroom Renovation, Wheelchair Access	2019-20	\$95,000	\$38,000	Sep-25	Further investigation underway, walls contain Asbestos.
Building Management System Upgrade	2023-24	\$99,100	\$36,000	May-24	Complete.
Packaged Air Handler Replacement	2024-25	\$85,000	\$34,000	Oct-25	Engineer engagement April 2025.

East Short Community Health Centre (Crawford Bay)

Project	Fiscal Year Request	Total Budget	WKBHRD Contribution	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
Generator	2021-22	\$300,000	\$120,000	Dec-24	Complete.

Edgewood Health Centre (Edgewood)

Project	Fiscal Year Request	Total Budget	WKBHRD Contribution	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
Emergency Generator-Transfer Switch	2020-21	\$150,000	\$29,200	Dec-24	Complete.



Kaslo & New Denver Projects

Victorian Health Centre of Kaslo (Kaslo)

Project	Fiscal Year Request	Total Budget	WKBHRD Contribution	Estimated Substantial Completion Date	Comments
Kitchen Air Handler Replacement	2024-25	\$75,000	\$30,000	Oct-25	Engineer engagement April 2025.

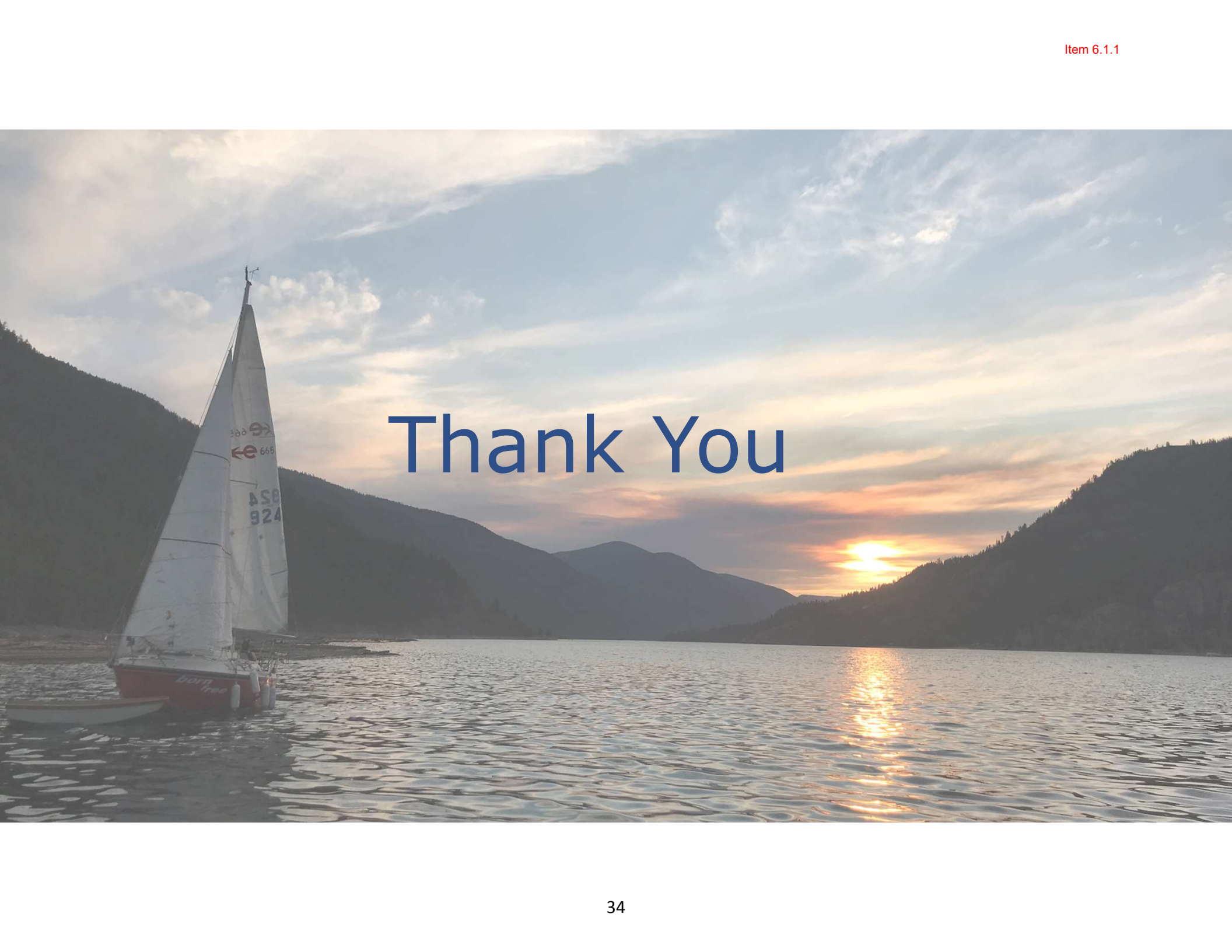
Slocan Community Hospital (New Denver)

Project	Fiscal Year Request	Total Budget	WKBHRD Contribution	Estimated Substantial Completion Date	Comments
Building Management System Upgrade	2023-24	\$79,833	\$38,000	May-24	Complete.



Questions/Discussion/Feedback



A scenic photograph of a sailboat on a calm lake during sunset. The sailboat, with a white sail and a red hull, is positioned on the left side of the frame. The sail features the number '924' and some other markings. The sun is low on the horizon to the right, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water's surface. The background consists of dark, forested mountains under a sky filled with soft, wispy clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Thank You

January 22, 2025

Mr. Stuart Horn, Secretary/Treasurer
West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District
c/o Regional District of Central Kootenay
Box 590, 202 Lakeside Drive
Nelson, BC V1L 5R4

Sent via email:

Dear Mr. Horn:

Re: Additional Capital Funding Request - Kootenay Lake Hospital (KLH) CT Scanner Replacement

In addition to our funding request letter dated December 16, 2024 we would like to request your support on an additional project to meet community needs within the Nelson area. We apologize for this additional request outside of the normal timelines.

This project will replace the existing 2012 CT Scanner at Kootenay Lake Hospital (KLH) and estimated completion is October 2026. In addition to acquiring a new CT Scanner, the project will upgrade the flooring, ceiling, and millwork, and install a new partition and doors. A new air handling unit and ductwork are required for the operation of the new system and these costs are also included in the project budget. The updated CT technology will be faster and will have the ability to perform more exams which will reduce wait times and the need for patient transfers to other service areas.

The total project cost is expected to be \$4.25 million, and we are requesting a contribution of \$1.7 million from your RHD with consideration that project costs could increase as we proceed to tender or due to unexpected events. Please refer to an updated Appendix 1, Summary of Regional Hospital District Funding Request for 2025/26 attached.

We would appreciate it if you could submit this formal funding request to your Board for approval at your next meeting. If the Board approves this project, please send a copy of the bylaw to Cindy Rephin, Executive Director Capital Finance for our records. We appreciate and thank you for your support for this project that will benefit the residents and staff of the Nelson region.

If you require further information, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Todd Mastel or myself directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Weir". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Sylvia Weir
VP & Chief Financial Officer

/cyr

cc: Suzan Hewat, Chair, WKBRHD
Todd Mastel, Corporate Director, Business Operations

Appendix 1: Summary of Regional Hospital District Funding Request for 2025/26

Item 7.1

Facility	Location	Equipment/Project Description	25/26 Budget	2025/26 RHD Funding Request	Previous RHD Approval		B/L #	Total Budget	Total RHD Share
					Total	RHD Share			
		Construction Projects over \$100,000							
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Nelson	Fluid Cooler for Heat Pump 2	\$ 677,800	\$ 271,200				\$ 677,800	\$ 271,200
Nelson Community	Nelson	Mental Health Community Outreach Location	500,000	200,000				500,000	200,000
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Nelson	Humidification for Operating Room Air Handling	160,000	64,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 30,000	363	235,000	94,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Relocate & Replace Supply Fans 12 & 13	1,427,100	570,800	3,258,200	1,303,300	390	4,685,300	1,874,100
Boundary District Hospital	Grand Forks	Multizone Air Handling Unit Replacement	281,700	112,700	641,100	256,500	387	922,800	369,200
		Construction Projects under \$100,000							
Castlegar & District Health Centre	Castlegar	Heating Water Distribution Upgrade	99,500	39,800				99,500	39,800
Boundary Hospital	Grand Forks	Washroom Renovation, Accessible	90,000	36,000				90,000	36,000
Arrow Lakes Hospital	Nakusp	Staircase to Rooftop	63,600	25,400				63,600	25,400
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Nelson	Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR) Renovation	93,000	37,200				93,000	37,200
Nelson Jubilee Manor	Nelson	Electrical System Upgrade	87,000	34,800				87,000	34,800
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Direct Digital Control (DDC) System Modernization	99,500	39,800				99,500	39,800
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Dining Room Solarium Replacement	90,000	36,000				90,000	36,000
		IH-Wide Digital Health							
Regional		Various	1,106,800	442,700				1,106,800	442,700
		Equipment over \$100,000							
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	CT Scanner	3,727,800	1,491,200				3,727,800	1,491,200
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Nelson	CT Scanner - additional funding request	4,250,000	1,700,000				4,250,000	1,700,000
		Equipment under \$100,000 (Global Grant)							
All Facilities		Equipment under \$100,000	1,305,900	522,400				1,305,900	522,400
TOTAL			\$ 14,059,700	\$ 5,624,000	\$ 3,974,300	\$ 1,589,800		\$ 18,034,000	\$ 7,213,800

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 422

A Bylaw to the fund the Fluid Cooler for Heat Pump 2 at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the Fluid Cooler for Heat Pump 2 at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1 The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$271,200 for the Fluid Cooler for Heat Pump 2 at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson.
- 2 The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling two hundred seventy-one thousand two hundred (\$271,200) Dollars.
- 3 The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 422, 2025**”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A SECOND TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A THIRD TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the votes cast this 26 day of March, 2025.

Everett Baker, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of
“**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 422, 2025**” of the
Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 423

A Bylaw to the fund the Mental Health Community Outreach Location at Nelson
Community, Nelson

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the Mental Health Community Outreach Location at Nelson Community, Nelson hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1

The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$200,000 for the Mental Health Community Outreach Location at Nelson Community, Nelson.
- 2

The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling two hundred thousand (\$200,000) Dollars.
- 3

The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 423, 2025**”.

READ A FIRST TIME this

26

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March,

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Everett Baker, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of
“**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District
Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 423, 2025**” of the
Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 424

A Bylaw to the fund the Humidification for Operating Room Air Handling Unit at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the Humidification for Operating Room Air Handling Unit at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1

The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$64,000 for the Humidification for Operating Room Air Handling Unit at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson.
- 2

The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling sixty-four thousand (\$64,000) Dollars.
- 3

The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 424, 2025**”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A SECOND TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A THIRD TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the votes cast this 26 day of March, 2025.

Everett Baker, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 424, 2025**” of the Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 425

A Bylaw to the fund to Relocate & Replace Supply Fans 12 & 13 at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure to Relocate & Replace Supply Fans 12 & 13 at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1 The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$570,800 to Relocate & Replace Supply Fans 12 & 13 at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail.
- 2 The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling five hundred seventy thousand eight hundred (\$570,800) Dollars.
- 3 The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 425, 2025**”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A SECOND TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A THIRD TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the votes cast this 26 day of March, 2025.

Everett Baker, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 425, 2025**” of the Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 426

A Bylaw to the fund the Multizone Air Handling Unit Replacement at Boundary District Hospital, Grand Forks

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the Multizone Air Handling Unit Replacement at Boundary District Hospital, Grand Forks hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1 The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$112,700 for the Multizone Air Handling Unit Replacement at Boundary District Hospital, Grand Forks
- 2 The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling one hundred and twelve thousand seven hundred (\$112,700) Dollars.
- 3 The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 426, 2025**”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A SECOND TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A THIRD TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the votes cast this 26 day of March, 2025.

Everett Baker, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 426, 2025**” of the Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 427

A Bylaw to the fund the Heating Water Distribution Upgrade at Castlegar & District Health Centre, Castlegar

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the Heating Water Distribution Upgrade at Castlegar & District Health Centre, Castlegar hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1 The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$39,800 for the Heating Water Distribution Upgrade at Castlegar & District Health Centre, Castlegar.
- 2 The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling thirty-nine thousand eight hundred (\$39,800) Dollars.
- 3 The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 427, 2025**”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A SECOND TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A THIRD TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the votes cast this 26 day of March, 2025.

Everett Baker, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 427, 2025**” of the Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 428

A Bylaw to the fund the Washroom Renovation, Accessible at Boundary Hospital, Grand Forks

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the Washroom Renovation, Accessible at Boundary Hospital, Grand Forks hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1

The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$36,000 for the Washroom Renovation, Accessible at Boundary Hospital, Grand Forks.
- 2

The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling thirty-six thousand eight hundred (\$36,000) Dollars.
- 3

The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 428, 2025**”.

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Everett Baker, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

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DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 429

A Bylaw to the fund the Staircase to Rooftop at Arrow Lakes Hospital, Nakusp

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the Staircase to Rooftop at Arrow Lakes Hospital, Nakusp hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1 The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$25,400 for the Staircase to Rooftop at Arrow Lakes Hospital, Nakusp.
- 2 The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling twenty-five thousand four hundred (\$25,400) Dollars.
- 3 The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as **“West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 429, 2025”**

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Everett Baker, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

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DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 430

A Bylaw to the fund the Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR) Renovation at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR) Renovation at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1

The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$37,200 for the Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR) Renovation at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson.
- 2

The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling thirty-seven thousand two hundred (\$37,200) Dollars.
- 3

The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 430, 2025**”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A SECOND TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A THIRD TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the votes cast this 26 day of March, 2025.

Everett Baker, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 430, 2025**” of the Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 431

A Bylaw to the fund the Electrical System Upgrade at Nelson Jubilee Manor, Nelson

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the Electrical System Upgrade at Nelson Jubilee Manor, Nelson hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1 The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$34,800 for the Electrical System Upgrade at Nelson Jubilee Manor, Nelson.
- 2 The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling thirty-four thousand eight hundred (\$34,800) Dollars.
- 3 The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 431, 2025**”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.
READ A SECOND TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.
READ A THIRD TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the votes cast this 26 day of March, 2025.

Everett Baker, Board ChairMike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

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Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 431, 2025**” of the
Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 432

A Bylaw to the fund the Direct Digital Control (DDC) System Modernization at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the Direct Digital Control (DDC) System Modernization at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1

The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$39,800 for the Direct Digital Control (DDC) System Modernization at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail.
- 2

The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling thirty-nine thousand eight hundred (\$39,800) Dollars.
- 3

The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 432, 2025**”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A SECOND TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A THIRD TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the votes cast this 26 day of March, 2025.

Everett Baker, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 432, 2025**” of the Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 433

A Bylaw to the fund the Dining Room Solarium Replacement at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the Dining Room Solarium Replacement at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1

The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$36,000 for the Dining Room Solarium Replacement at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail.
- 2

The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling thirty-six thousand (\$36,000) Dollars.
- 3

The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as **“West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 433, 2025”**.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A SECOND TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A THIRD TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the votes cast this 26 day of March, 2025.

Everett Baker, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of **“West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 433, 2025”** of the Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 434

A Bylaw to the fund the Interior Health - Wide Digital Health

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the Interior Health - Wide Digital Health hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1 The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$442,700 for the Interior Health - Wide Digital Health.
- 2 The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling four hundred forty-two thousand seven hundred (\$442,700) Dollars.
- 3 The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 434, 2025**”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.
READ A SECOND TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.
READ A THIRD TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the votes cast this 26 day of March, 2025.

Everett Baker, Board ChairMike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of
“**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 434, 2025**” of the
Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 435

A Bylaw to the fund the CT Scanner for Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the CT Scanner for Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1 The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$1,491,200 for the CT Scanner for Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail.
- 2 The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling one million four hundred ninety-one thousand two hundred (\$1,491,200) Dollars.
- 3 The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 435, 2025**”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A SECOND TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

READ A THIRD TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the votes cast this 26 day of March, 2025.

Everett Baker, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of
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Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 436

A Bylaw to the fund the CT Scanner for Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the CT Scanner for Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1

The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$1,700,000 for the CT Scanner for Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson.
- 2

The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling one million and seven hundred thousand (\$1,700,000) Dollars.
- 3

The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as **“West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 436, 2025”**.

READ A FIRST TIME this

26

day of

March,

2025.

READ A SECOND TIME this

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day of

March,

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READ A THIRD TIME this

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March,

2025.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the votes cast this 26 day of March, 2025.

Everett Baker, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of **“West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 436, 2025”** of the Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 437

A Bylaw to the fund the Equipment under \$100,000 (Global Grant)

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money to provide local contribution of a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority for capital expenditure for the Equipment under \$100,000 (Global Grant) hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has adopted an annual budget bylaw that has made provision for the capital expenditure;

AND WHEREAS by way of Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act* the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District must prepare and enact a capital bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1 The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to provide a conditional grant to the Interior Health Authority of \$522,400 for the Equipment under \$100,000 (Global Grant)
- 2 The Board authorizes and approves the expenditure of money totaling five hundred twenty-two thousand four hundred (\$522,400) Dollars.
- 3 The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.
- 4 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 437, 2025**”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.
READ A SECOND TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.
READ A THIRD TIME this 26 day of March, 2025.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the votes cast this 26 day of March, 2025.

Everett Baker, Board ChairMike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of
“**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 437, 2025**” of the
Bylaws of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary



TO: WKBRHD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: Stuart Horn, WKBRHD Secretary/Treasurer
SUBJECT: Draft 2025 Budget Scenarios
DATE: March 26, 2025 Open Regular Meeting

Purpose

This report is to provide a summary of the 2024 year and propose options for the Board to consider for Budget 2025.

Background

One of the fundamental issues with Hospital Board budgeting is that the current year budget needs to include all commitments and funding sources under the assumption all required payments (that are not funded by debt) will be settled in the given year. This makes it difficult to budget as the cash flows to IHA are multi year, and there really is no scenario where all payments to IHA will be made in 2025. Therefore, staff has suggested options below that limit taxation increases and lean on reserves.

Highlights for 2024

- In 2024 minimal work was completed on KBRH Phase 2 (\$1.1 million left in available funds on the bylaw)
- Total contributions from the WKBRHD to IHA was approximately \$2.6 million (2023 - \$4.4 million)
- The borrowing for the major KBRH work occurred in 2024 with MFA for nearly \$9.9 million. Payments on this loan (\$634k) begin in 2025.
- The funds marked to come from reserve in 2024 were not required based on the IHA billing with spending only being \$2.1 million.
- In 2025 the ask from IHA is much higher (\$7.8m) with additional projects of \$1.7 million and a large project of \$13,945,000 million. The total IHA asks for 2025 are \$23,381,200.
- Significant expenditures last year and this year which has led to commitments totaling \$31 million to be paid.

- Total reserve balance is \$6,961,943 at end of 2024. Using a significant portion of that in 2025 to balance budget would work. The budget assumes all commitments are paid in 2025 which is feasible, so likely reserve pull will not be needed in 2025.

Staff is seeking the following direction:

- Determine if borrowing is desired for the MRI at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital for the \$13,945,000 WKBHRD share, or portion thereof. We estimate the payments on this loan
- How much to utilize Reserves in the 2025 budget, as a tax increase to match the current year IHA request would likely be very significant.

Budget 2025 Considerations

1. Taxation level

Staff has provided three budget scenarios for the Board's consideration.

Due to the borrowing costs that started in 2025, and the increase in the annual ask from IHA, staff has provided options for taxation increases to manage these increasing costs. However, staff is also recommending a significant reliance on funding from reserves to meet obligations.

A. Taxation increase of 0% from 2024 with a contribution from reserve of \$3,014,863.

B. Taxation increase of 2% from 2024 with a contribution from reserve of \$2,867,162.

C. Taxation increase of 5% from 2024 with a contribution from reserve of \$2,620,993.

Appendix A shows the detail of each of these scenarios. As taxation increases, the pressure on reserves decreases. The Board should consider the future years needs for reserves when debating the taxation level.

2. Borrowing

The WKBHRD had been running a significant surplus that has in part had been used to manage taxation. The original bylaw for KBRH Phase 2 approved borrowing up to \$15,510,000. In 2024 borrowing of only \$9,819,192 occurred which will allow the WKBHRD to meet all current obligations under the project and leave \$7.7 million in reserve.

This created significant savings of interest costs. Debt payments are currently estimated at \$634,519.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the WKBHRD Board approve budget Option _____, as presented in the materials at the March 26, 2025 Open Board meeting, which includes taxation of \$_____ and a contribution from reserve of \$_____.

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A – 2025 Preliminary, Draft Budget Scenarios.
Appendix B – December 31, 2024, Reserve Balance with Commitments
Appendix C – Taxation Summary for Each Budget Scenario
Appendix D – IHA 24/25 Capital Ask of WKBHRD

	2024		2024		A	B	C				
					2025	2025	2025				
					Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C				
	Budget		Estimated Actuals		Budget	Budget	Budget				
REVENUE				Note	0.0%	2.0%	5.0%				
Tax Requisition Total	\$	4,923,380	\$	4,923,380	\$	4,923,380	\$	5,021,848	\$	5,169,549	
Contributions from Capital Reserves		75,191		-	1	3,113,331	3,014,863	2,867,162			
Proceeds from borrowing		-				-	-	-			
- Related to Expenses Bylaw #326/162		9,819,192		9,819,192		-	-	-			
-Related to Expenses Bylaw #421		-		-	2	13,945,000	13,945,000	13,945,000			
Grants in Lieu of Taxes		8,500		8,071		8,500	8,500	8,500			
Investment Income		140,000		234,923		205,000	205,000	205,000			
MFA Actuarial adjustment		-		-		-	-	-			
Accumulated Surplus - Operating Fund		1,131,377		581,211	3	11,907,982	11,907,982	11,907,982			
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	16,097,640	\$	15,566,777	\$	34,103,193	\$	34,103,193	\$	34,103,193	
EXPENDITURES											
Capital Grants:											
Section 20(3) Expenditures:											
A. Commitments from prior periods	\$	13,005,732			4	\$	11,658,287	\$	11,658,287	\$	11,658,287
B. Current Projects for Hospitals & Hospital Facilities		1,569,880		2,141,135	5		7,213,800		7,213,800		7,213,800
B.1 Minor Equipment Global Grant		435,640		435,640	5		522,400		522,400		522,400
B.2 Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Expanction		-		-			13,945,000		13,945,000		13,945,000
F. Contributions to Capital Reserve Fund		960,091		960,091	6		-		-		-
Total Capital Grants	\$	15,971,343	\$	3,536,866	\$	33,339,487	\$	33,339,487	\$	33,339,487	
Debt Servicing:											
A. Servicing Current Debenture Issues	\$	-	\$	-	\$	634,519	\$	634,519	\$	634,519	
Other Expenses											
Section 17(2) Expenditures											
Administration Agreement	\$	88,443	\$	88,281	\$	91,362	\$	91,362	\$	91,362	
Director Remuneration		15,000		12,421		14,000		14,000		14,000	
Director Travel Expenses		4,000		1,597		2,000		2,000		2,000	
External Audit		7,000		10,027		8,973		8,973		8,973	
Computer Software		8,778		8,778		8,778		8,778		8,778	
Insurance		825		825		825		825		825	
Office Supplies		250		-		1,250		1,250		1,250	
Meeting Expense		2,001		-		2,000		2,000		2,000	
Total Other Expenses	\$	126,297	\$	121,929	\$	129,188	\$	129,188	\$	129,188	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	16,097,640	\$	3,658,795	\$	34,103,193	\$	34,103,193	\$	34,103,193	
Surplus/Deficit	\$	-	\$	11,907,982	\$	0	\$	(0)	\$	0	

		A	B	C
		2025	2025	2025
		Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C
		Budget	Budget	Budget
Residential Property Tax per \$1,000 of Assessment	Assesement	0.1496	0.1526	0.1571
	\$ 100,000	\$14.96	\$15.26	\$15.71
	200,000	29.92	30.52	31.42
	250,000	37.40	38.15	39.27
	300,000	44.88	45.78	47.12
	350,000	52.36	53.41	54.98
	400,000	59.84	61.04	62.83

- Notes**
1. The 2025 amounts to come into reserve are to balance the budget. We do not anticipate a significant draw on reserves in 2025 as IHA would need to spend over \$8 million in 2025 to require that.
 2. This borrowing is suggested for the CT Scanner in Nelson at KLH.
 3. 2024 Prior Year Surplus is reconciled per the 2024 Financial statements for amounts owed to/from Capital Fund. 2025 is the current estimate.
 4. This amount is what is remaining, in its entirety, of committed projects from 2022 and prior. As we cannot accurately estimate when amounts will be billed from IHA, the total is included.
 5. These two amounts are the 2025 Capital ask from IHA, with the Minor Equipment Grant separated.
 6. See Appendix B for current reserve balances.

West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District
March 26, 2025 Open Regular Meeting
Reserve Reconciliation as at December 31, 2024 with projected commitments.

	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$ 7,073,922
Contribution to Reserve 2024	<u>960,091</u>
	<u>\$ 8,034,013</u>

DRAFT: For Discussion Only

Notes:

Budgeted contribution made 2025.

No further contributions to reserve have been included absent Board direction.

Appendix C

West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District
Summary of Scenarios - Tax Requisition
March 22, 2023 Open Regular Board Meeting

	Municipality Electoral Area	2025 Converted Assessments	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C	2024 Taxation
Regional District of Central Kootenay 06-CK						
06-CK	Castlegar	309,401,196	\$ 462,862	\$ 472,119	\$ 486,005	\$ 452,243
06-CK	Nelson	450,173,645	673,457	686,926	707,129	676,231
06-CK	Kaslo	37,679,417	56,368	57,496	59,187	57,810
06-CK	New Denver	19,732,124	29,519	30,110	30,995	29,829
06-CK	Nakusp	48,769,606	72,959	74,418	76,607	71,542
06-CK	Salmo	25,085,684	37,528	38,279	39,404	37,006
06-CK	Silverton	9,115,000	13,636	13,909	14,318	13,512
06-CK	Slocan	10,519,932	15,738	16,052	16,525	17,864
		910,476,604	1,362,067	1,389,309	1,430,170	1,356,037
06-CK	Area A (portion)	60,078,721	89,877	91,675	94,371	92,876
06-CK	Area D	71,536,044	107,017	109,158	112,368	106,928
06-CK	Area E	176,898,554	264,639	269,932	277,871	266,490
06-CK	Area F	161,686,330	241,882	246,719	253,976	245,757
06-CK	Area G	65,257,332	97,624	99,577	102,506	100,929
06-CK	Area H	158,665,711	237,363	242,110	249,231	231,156
06-CK	Area I	74,228,441	111,045	113,266	116,597	112,893
06-CK	Area J	113,514,473	169,817	173,213	178,308	172,054
06-CK	Area K	82,249,256	123,044	125,505	129,197	117,595
		964,114,862	1,442,308	1,471,155	1,514,425	1,446,678
Central Kootenay Subtotal		1,874,591,466	2,804,375	2,860,464	2,944,595	2,802,715
Regional District of Columbia-Shuswap 08-CS						
08-CS	Area B	14,343,944	21,458	21,888	22,531	19,793
Columbia-Shuswap Subtotal		14,343,944	21,458	21,888	22,531	19,793

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Regional District of Kootenay Boundary 16-KB						
16-KB	Grand Forks	119,833,272	179,270	182,855	188,233	179,024
16-KB	Greenwood	14,561,104	21,783	22,219	22,872	22,440
16-KB	Rossland	163,394,884	244,438	249,326	256,659	242,214
16-KB	Trail	288,908,646	432,205	440,849	453,816	425,666
16-KB	Fruitvale	41,523,151	62,118	63,361	65,224	63,649
16-KB	Midway	19,744,049	29,537	30,128	31,014	30,213
16-KB	Montrose	21,848,693	32,685	33,339	34,320	33,810
16-KB	Warfield	34,863,933	52,156	53,199	54,764	53,869
		704,677,732	1,054,192	1,075,276	1,106,902	1,050,885
16-KB	Area A	110,493,683	165,298	168,604	173,563	165,555
16-KB	Area B	75,134,339	112,400	114,648	118,020	109,859
16-KB	Area C	134,973,449	201,919	205,958	212,015	209,922
16-KB	Area D	94,761,193	141,762	144,597	148,850	146,965
16-KB	Area E	282,069,426	421,974	430,413	443,073	417,686
		697,432,090	1,043,353	1,064,220	1,095,521	1,049,987
Kootenay Boundary Subtotal		1,402,109,822	2,097,545	2,139,496	2,202,423	2,100,872
WKBRHD Total		3,291,045,232	4,923,378	5,021,848	5,169,549	4,923,380
Requisition			\$ 4,923,380	\$ 5,021,848	\$ 5,169,549	\$ 4,923,380
Change from 2024			0.0%	2.0%	5.0%	
Residential Property Tax per \$1,000 of Assessment			0.1496	0.1526	0.1571	0.1576
			100,000	\$ 14.96	\$ 15.26	\$ 15.71
			200,000	29.92	30.52	31.42
			250,000	37.40	38.15	39.28
			300,000	44.88	45.78	47.13
			350,000	52.36	53.41	54.99
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December 16, 2024

Stuart Horn, Secretary/Treasurer
West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District
c/o Regional District of Central Kootenay
Box 590, 202 Lakeside Drive
Nelson, BC V1L 5R4

Dear Mr. Horn:

Re: Capital Funding Request for the 2025/26 Fiscal Year

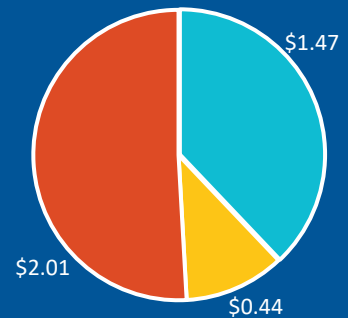
Please find enclosed our annual funding request for Interior Health's (IH) next fiscal year for your review and approval. The funding request is based on IH's 2025/26 capital budget which has been approved by our Board. The budget is developed by prioritizing identified capital needs throughout our organization with our physicians and staff within the context of the Capital Investment Strategic Framework. These planned investments are contingent on assumed funding from the Ministry of Health, the Regional Hospital Districts, and other funding partners.

The 2025/26 capital budget targets urgent and high priority items required to deliver health services to the people who live in the communities we serve. Investments in our buildings and infrastructure are required to prevent system failures, safeguard reliable access to services, and ensure safety and comfort of patients and staff. We are also seeking to upgrade or replace equipment that is at or beyond its useful life to limit service disruptions and downtimes. In addition to investments in buildings and equipment, we must also invest in digital health projects infrastructure to ensure patient information is accessible and secure and the electronic systems we use to provide care are as efficient and effective as possible.

These investments have been carefully prioritized considering the most urgent needs throughout the health region and the notional funding we have assumed will be available.

For the 2025/26 fiscal year we are requesting funding from your RHD for the following projects and equipment. Please note that all capital initiatives over \$100,000 are subject to government approval.

**Funding Request by
Category**



Total \$3.92

\$s in Millions

- Construction Projects
- Digital Health
- Equipment

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1. Fluid Cooler for Heat Pump 2 at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson

This project will improve the systems ability to remain cool during the summer months. This work is needed because the existing infrastructure cannot keep up with the impacts of climate change. To mitigate, the site relies heavily on city water to cool the system.

2. Mental Health Community Outreach Location at Nelson Community, Nelson

A new location for Mental Health Community Outreach services is required within Nelson's downtown core. Services previously provided at the Clubhouse and at downtown leased location need to come together in a new clinical space to ensure equitable access. We are currently looking at leasing options. This is an estimate of potential funding required for tenant improvements to address accessibility and to bring the space up to standard.

3. Humidification for Operating Room Air Handling Unit at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson

The Air Handling Unit (AHU) at this site which services the operating rooms is 17 years old and does not include provisions for humidification. This project will upgrade the AHU by installing a humidification system for the major and minor surgical rooms. When this project was initially approved the estimated cost for installation of the new humidifier were under estimated.

Your RHD approved \$30,000 on bylaw #363 toward the project total of \$75,000. A budget increase of \$160,000 is required and we ask for your RHD to contribute 40% for a total amount of \$64,000.

4. Relocate & Replace Supply Fans 12 & 13 at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail

The original project budget was based on an estimate from August 2022 for the replacement of two large air supply fans in the mechanical room that were installed in 1968. These fans supply the main floor east wing including the Lab and the Daly Pavilion with both heating and cooling. The lack of reliability of this aging equipment frequently impacts lab operations, sometimes even resulting in closures. The configuration of the equipment does not allow safe access to replace filters and belts for plant service staff.

In summer 2024 we received a more detailed estimate that identified further complexities in the mechanical room and associated infrastructure that need to be addressed. Ducting work changes are more substantial than initially estimated. Additional considerations that were not initially identified include adding lockable access doors for control panels and steel platforms bases for the equipment. There are also significant safety concerns in the mechanical room that will be remedied.

Your RHD approved \$1,303,260 on bylaw #390 toward the total project budget of \$3,258,250. A budget increase of \$1,426,950 is required and we ask for your RHD to contribute 40% for a total amount of \$570,840.

5. Multizone Air Handling Unit Replacement at Boundary District Hospital, Grand Forks

We have completed the design for this project to replace the multizone air handling unit. Additional funding is required to provide a custom built, 8 zone air handling unit. The initial estimate did not contemplate the high level of ducting changes required to properly install and operate the new air handling units.

The current air handling unit was installed in 1975 provides heating and cooling for administration, lab and x-ray areas. The system has become unreliable, requiring frequent repairs, and corrosion on the exterior of the unit is causing leaks into the building. The replacement of this unit will enhance temperature control improving comfort for both patients and staff.

Your RHD approved \$256,500 on bylaw #387 (2023/24) toward the project total of \$641,250. A budget increase of \$281,550 is required and we ask for your RHD to contribute 40% for a total amount of \$112,700.

1. Heating Water Distribution Upgrade at Castlegar & District Health Centre, Castlegar

The heating requirements for this site are met through the use of a hot water boiler system comprised of three boilers and associated piping systems. All of the boiler water used for space heating and the indirect heating of domestic hot water is distributed to the other system components by two main circulating pumps: one for Castlegar and District Community Health Centre (CDH) and the other for Talarico Place. The CDH pump is over 40 years old with no redundancy, and replacement parts are very hard to source. This project will install parallel pumps to improve reliability and ensure redundancy in the event of a pump failure.

2. Washroom Renovation, Accessible at Boundary Hospital, Grand Forks

Renovation of this patient room washroom, which is original to this 1961 building, is required to meet current infection control standards and accessibility requirements. This project will enlarge the washroom, add new hand hygiene sinks and toilet, and install infection control approved surfaces. The new design will also reduce the risk of patient and staff injuries resulting from accessibility challenges.

3. Staircase to Rooftop at Arrow Lakes Hospital, Nakusp

Plant Services personnel and contractors who are servicing and maintaining the equipment and roof of this site are currently using a vertical ladder to access these spaces. In order to create a safe work environment this project will create a steel staircase to facilitate safe access for service and maintenance personnel.



4. Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR) Renovation at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson

This project will renovate the MDR rooms which have not been updated since the 1970's. These outdated rooms currently contain old plywood millwork, mosaic tiles and built-in radiators. The scope of work will include installation of stainless steel millwork and storage that is compliant with Infection Prevention and Control Standards and improved ergonomic work areas for staff.



5. Electrical System Upgrade at Nelson Jubilee Manor, Nelson

Demands on the building's electrical system have exceeded capacity and upgrades are required to meet the site's needs. This project will increase the utility feed, main panel, wiring and subpanels, and will enable the addition of electrical circuits as needed in the future to accommodate room air conditioning units to improve patient comfort during hot summers.

6. Direct Digital Control (DDC) System Modernization at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail

DDC system is used to control the building's HVAC from one central point. It is viewed through a graphical interface software and has two different graphic systems which that are challenging to operate. This project will migrate all the graphics to the newest version and consolidate them into one interface.

7. Dining Room Solarium Replacement at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail

The Poplar Ridge Pavilion has a glass solarium on the north end of its dining room area that is original to this 1972 building. Leaks in the solarium have caused the failure of the flooring in this area, the patio door is at end of life, and the solarium can not accommodate window coverings in its current state. This project will include a new energy efficient wall system with provisions for shade awnings or sun blocking blind system, flooring and paint. Replacement will improve the comfort and safety of the long-term care clients at this site.

Efficient and effective technology is a key enabler for delivery of quality health services. IH's Digital Health Investment Plan includes high-priority projects aimed at enhancing the reliability and stability of our infrastructure and electronic systems, as well as advancing our technology to keep pace with industry-wide innovation and transformation.

A key focus of our plan is the essential and ongoing investment in upgrading our networks and technology infrastructure to ensure stability, optimization, and protection against cyber-security threats.

- Data centre servers
- Data centre storage expansion
- Phase 3 of data centre facility migration
- Network upgrades

We are committed to supporting clinical and operational requirements by implementing electronic systems for consistent workflows and enhanced patient safety.

- Electronic medical records systems (EMR) for Primary Care sites
- Standardized digital system for emergency departments

Implementation of new electronic technologies will eliminate paper-based process, improving access to more complete patient records which will ultimately improve the patient experience.

- Continued rollout of electronic surgical system
- Electronic lab requisition forms system
- Phase I electronic physician documentation system

These projects are IH-wide initiatives costing approximately \$11.1 million. The benefits are distributed equally across IH regions; therefore the cost allocation to each of IH's seven RHDs is based upon population data using the PEOPLE 2024, BC Statistics. The West Kootenay Boundary RHD's percentage ratio is approximately 10%. Claims on this project will be calculated using this percentage for the actual cost distribution.



Please note that pictures shown below are for illustrative purposes only and may not depict the actual equipment to be purchased by IH, which will be chosen during the procurement process.

CT Scanner for Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail

Replacement of the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital's Computerized Tomography (CT) scanner with a premium scanner is needed to add cardiac exam capabilities, artificial intelligence software, and radiation dose reduction. A CT scanner combines a series of X-ray images taken from different angles around the body and uses computer processing to create cross-sectional images (slices) of the bones, blood vessels and soft tissues. This project will replace the existing CT scanner installed in 2012 in the medical imaging department and includes renovations to upgrade the area to current radiation and ergonomic safety standards.



Equipment under \$100,000 (Global Grant)

As in previous years, we are requesting global funding for equipment under \$100,000.

A financial summary of our funding requests is provided in Appendix 1. We would appreciate it if you could submit these requests to your Board for consideration. Please advise us of the meeting date when they will be discussed to enable us to have IH representatives attend and to answer questions that may arise. If the requests should receive approval, please send Cindy Rephin, Executive Director, Capital Finance & Controller copies of the relevant bylaws for our records.

We thank you for your ongoing support of capital initiatives. If you require further information, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Todd Mastel, Corporate Director, Business Operations or me directly.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Weir, VP & CFO Corporate Services

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Facility	Location	Equipment/Project Description	25/26 Budget	2025/26 RHD Funding Request	Previous RHD Approval		B/L #	Total Budget	Total RHD Share
					Total	RHD Share			
		<u>Construction Projects over \$100,000</u>							
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		<u>IH-Wide Digital Health</u>							
Regional		Various	1,106,800	442,700				1,106,800	442,700
		<u>Equipment over \$100,000</u>							
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	CT Scanner	3,727,800	1,491,200				3,727,800	1,491,200
		<u>Equipment under \$100,000 (Global Grant)</u>							
All Facilities		Equipment under \$100,000	1,305,900	522,400				1,305,900	522,400
TOTAL			\$ 9,809,700	\$ 3,924,000	\$ 3,974,300	\$ 1,589,800		\$ 13,784,000	\$ 5,513,800



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January 22, 2025

Mr. Stuart Horn, Secretary/Treasurer
West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District
c/o Regional District of Central Kootenay
Box 590, 202 Lakeside Drive
Nelson, BC V1L 5R4

Sent via email:

Dear Mr. Horn:

Re: Additional Capital Funding Request - Kootenay Lake Hospital (KLH) CT Scanner Replacement

In addition to our funding request letter dated December 16, 2024 we would like to request your support on an additional project to meet community needs within the Nelson area. We apologize for this additional request outside of the normal timelines.

This project will replace the existing 2012 CT Scanner at Kootenay Lake Hospital (KLH) and estimated completion is October 2026. In addition to acquiring a new CT Scanner, the project will upgrade the flooring, ceiling, and millwork, and install a new partition and doors. A new air handling unit and ductwork are required for the operation of the new system and these costs are also included in the project budget. The updated CT technology will be faster and will have the ability to perform more exams which will reduce wait times and the need for patient transfers to other service areas.

The total project cost is expected to be \$4.25 million, and we are requesting a contribution of \$1.7 million from your RHD with consideration that project costs could increase as we proceed to tender or due to unexpected events. Please refer to an updated *Appendix 1, Summary of Regional Hospital District Funding Request for 2025/26* attached.

We would appreciate it if you could submit this formal funding request to your Board for approval at your next meeting. If the Board approves this project, please send a copy of the bylaw to Cindy Rephin, Executive Director Capital Finance for our records. We appreciate and thank you for your support for this project that will benefit the residents and staff of the Nelson region.

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Sylvia Weir
VP & Chief Financial Officer

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cc: Suzan Hewat, Chair, WKBRHD
Todd Mastel, Corporate Director, Business Operations

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Appendix D

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Kootenay Lake Hospital	Nelson	CT Scanner - additional funding request	4,250,000	1,700,000				4,250,000	1,700,000
		Equipment under \$100,000 (Global Grant)							
All Facilities		Equipment under \$100,000	1,305,900	522,400				1,305,900	522,400
TOTAL			\$ 14,059,700	\$ 5,624,000	\$ 3,974,300	\$ 1,589,800		\$ 18,034,000	\$ 7,213,800

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WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 439

A Bylaw to provide capital expenditure and borrowing.

WHEREAS the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money for the capital expenditures described in Schedule ‘A’ attached hereto and forming an integral part of this bylaw, hereafter referred to as the capital expenditure described in Section 1 and Section 2;

AND WHEREAS those capital expenditures have received the approval required under section 23 of the Hospital District Act;

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts the following capital expenditure and borrowing bylaw as required by sections 32 and 33 of the Hospital District Act.

- 1

The Board hereby authorizes and approves the borrowing and expenditure of money necessary to complete the capital expenditures as described in Schedule ‘A’ attached hereto.
- 2

The Board authorizes and approves the borrowing of a net sum not exceeding thirteen million, nine hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$13,945,000) upon the credit of the Hospital District by issuance and sale of securities in a form and manner agreed to by the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia. The term of the securities and repayment of the principal and interest shall be over a term not to exceed twenty-five (25) years.
- 3

To meet the payments of principal and interest during the term of the securities, there shall be included in the estimates of the Regional Hospital District each year, the respective amounts of principal and interest falling due each year.
- 4

The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer of the Regional Hospital District to settle the terms and conditions of the borrowings.
- 5

This Bylaw may be cited for all intents and purposes as “**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No.439, 2025**”

READ A FIRST TIME this

26

day of

March,

2025.

READ A SECOND TIME this

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day of

March,

2025.

READ A THIRD TIME this

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day of

March,

2025.

ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2025.

Everett Baker, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of
“**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District
Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No.439, 2025**” of the Bylaws of the West
Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

DATED this 26 day of March, 2025

Mike Morrison, Deputy-Secretary

Schedule ‘A’

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439

Name of Facility	Project or Equipment Description	Project Number	RHD Share (%)	Provincial Share (%)	Total Project Cost
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) expansion project		\$13,945,000	\$20,917,500	\$34,862,500
Total			\$13,945,000	\$20,917,500	\$34,862,500

West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Chair's Report March 26, 2025 Board Meeting

While in Victoria for the Speech from the Throne, I had the pleasure to meet with Premier Eby and MLA Brittny Anderson, the Minister of State for Local Government and Rural Communities. I also had the opportunity to casually meet our new Minister of Health, Josie Osborne. I congratulated her on the new appointment and welcomed her rural experience to that portfolio. We spoke about the ongoing challenges that we see in rural health. I addressed the value I have found in working with Interior Health for the best outcomes possible for our citizens. I extended an invitation for the Minister to meet with our Board and I had mentioned that a formal letter would arrive shortly. I look forward to working with Minister Osborne and I will continue to be an advocate for rural healthcare.

I had dinner with Landon de Best and discussed the Boundary Hospital, as well as the continuing operations of our ERs throughout the district.

I also sat with Adriane Gear, president of BCNU as union president. She spoke about ensuring that health employers treat BC's nurses with respect and provide patients with the care they deserve. We spoke about with the issues in the United States could we see an opportunity to entice nurses to join BC's healthcare, especially in Rural BC.

Respectfully

Everett Baker.





Item 8.1

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
DIRECTOR STIPEND PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUMMARY
January - February 2025

DIRECTOR STIPENDS (details attached)		\$	4,445.00
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (details attached)		\$	2,330,575.38
	TOTAL	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,335,020.38</u>

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
DIRECTOR STIPEND PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUMMARY
January - February 2025

Vendor	Date	Description	Invoice #	Amount Paid
<u>INTERIOR HEALTH</u>	1/30/25	WKBHRD-BYLAW-359-9	6322054_9	\$ 82,813.60
	1/30/25	WKBHRD-BYLAW-403-37	6324039_37	\$ 201,600.00
	1/30/25	WKBHRD-BYLAW-373-1	6324040_1	\$ 2,000,000.00
	2/25/25	WKBHRD-BYLAW-314-2	6320008_2	\$ 4,568.70
	2/25/25	WKBHRD-BYLAW-342-1	6321009_1	\$ 23,129.56
	2/25/25	WKBHRD-BYLAW-389-2	6323069_2	\$ 18,262.96
<u>OTHER</u>				
RECEIVER GENERAL	1/16/25	WKBHRD-CRA REMITTANCE-Q4	DEC 31 2024	\$ 200.56
				<u>\$ 2,330,575.38</u>
Total Accounts Payable January - February 2025				<u>\$ 2,330,575.38</u>

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
 DIRECTOR STIPEND PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUMMARY
 January - February 2025

Stipend

Emp.#	Name	Given Name	Chair Stipend	Travel Time	Stipend	Total
503	Cunningham	Hans			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
513	Grieve	Alison			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
516	Jackman	Garry	\$	53.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 190.00
524	Popoff	Walter			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
537	McGregor	Grace	\$	53.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 190.00
540	Worley	Linda Jean			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
568	Davidoff	Andy			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
569	Berriault	Don			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
574	Watson	Aimee			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
584	Hewat	Suzan	\$	53.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 190.00
585	Newell	Thomas			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
596	Main	Leah			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
658	Lockwood	Diana			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
676	Weatherhead	Teresa			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
677	Wenman	William			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
693	Weaver	Jeff			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
696	Gibbs	Sharen			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
697	Baker	Everett	\$ 207.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 397.00
698	Willlsey	Judith			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
699	Wiese	Linda	\$	53.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 190.00
700	Smienk	Johannes			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
702	Bogle	Brian			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
703	Page	Keith			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
705	Buller	Ezra			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
706	Martin	Terry			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
709	Casley	Leonard			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
712	McLaren-Caux	Aiden Kenneth			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
713	Masleck	Raymond			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
714	Rhodes	Cecil			\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
Total Directors Stipend January - February 2025						\$ 4,445.00



2024 Union of BC Municipalities Convention

Province Meetings Summary Notes

Report Date: 10-07-2024

Prepared By: Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

Increased Supports for Rural and Remote Health Care

Meeting Date: Tuesday September 17, 2024

West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Attendees: Frank Marino, RDKB Director - Village of Warfield; Sharon Gibbs, RDKB Director - Area E; Suzan Hewat, WKBRHD Board Chair/RDCK Director - Village of Kaslo; Terry Martin, RDKB Director - City of Trail; Walter Popoff, RDCK Director - Area H, Brittny Anderson – MLA, Mike Morrison - RDCK Corporate Officer

Ministry Attendees: Darryl Sturtevant - Assistant Deputy Minister of Health, Ministry staff

Background:

The RDCK and RDKB are looking to discuss the availability of health care in the rural areas, including the following: 1. Recruitment and retention of healthcare workers - the retention of qualified workers is a key struggle in the rural areas. 2. Mental health and addiction supports. Many of the issues our communities are dealing with are a direct result of mental health and addiction, and increased supports around these issues is critically required. 3. Access to health care services is limited by transit accessibility in rural areas. This issues presents itself not only for services in larger centres (Kelowna) but also locally (i.e. Kaslo to Trail)

Discussion Summary:

- RDCK wishes to highlight three issues that are negatively affecting the provision of care in rural communities:
 - Recruitment and retention of health care workers in rural areas
 - Mental health and addictions support
 - Patient transportation
- WKBRHD directors identified that lack of housing is a significant barrier to recruitment and retention of health care workers in small communities. Suggestion that health authorities evaluate the possibility of purchasing accommodation in small communities for use by locums and temporary assignments.
- Several local examples were provided to Ministry staff of medical service interruptions and temporary facility closures occurring within the WKBRHD service area that result from medical staff shortages. Ministry staff identified that the same challenges are faced by most rural BC communities.

- Ministry staff acknowledged that health care professionals are not being trained fast enough to meet the current and projected gaps in staffing. Some recent initiatives to reduce the impact of staffing shortages include:
 - Expanding scope for other professionals to reduce demands on doctors (e.g. Nurse Practitioners and Pharmacists)
 - Expanded use of video technology to enable rural and remote residents to access specialized services located in larger centers
 - Improving the process for evaluating and approving professional credentials obtained outside of BC to encourage in-migration of health care professionals to BC
 - Supported 'laddering' and micro-credentialing programs to enable working health care professionals in small communities to upgrade and certify for vacant positions their communities
- WKBRHD Directors acknowledged the recent investments in temporary shelter beds in Trail, and identified additional gaps in services.
 - No mental health services available on weekends in many places
 - No supportive housing available to transition shelter residents to. This results in the shelter becoming a semi-permanent option for some
- The Ministry is now looking at the continuum of care and providing a housing mix to support that.
- The Road to Recovery model, introduced in the 2023 provincial budget, will provide improved access to addictions treatment and recovery support. The model was introduced in Vancouver and the provincial health authorities are now planning the system expansion for the rest of BC.
- Concerns of WKBRHD directors were noted about the lack of reliable transportation options for rural residents accessing specialized services in larger centres. Many communities are not served by public transit and Handy Dart services are not comprehensive.
- There is an over-reliance on the support from volunteer drivers, which is observed to be diminishing due to the responsibility of care and associated costs.
- Lack of transportation limits the ability of seniors to age in place in rural communities.

