Regional District of Central Kootenay

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Open Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: RDCK Board Room, 202 Lakeside Dr., Nelson, BC

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

Pages

1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

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

Meeting Time:
1:00 p.m. PST

Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/95242278422?pwd=OHZm4pXvEbFsFR7JRBYvfMFiHMjlRy.1

Join by Phone:

855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

*6 to unmute or mute
*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 952 4227 8422
Meeting Password: 203526

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

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:
The Agenda for the April 15, 2025 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES 4 - 10

The February 18, 2025 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee minutes, have been received.

5. STAFF REPORT

5.1 FOR INFORMATION: UPDATE ON SUSTAINABILITY SERVICE PROJECTS AND AREAS OF ACTIVITY 11 - 23

The Staff Report dated April 15, from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, has been received.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 FOR INFORMATION: RURAL MOBILITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE 24 - 52

The Committee Report dated April 15, 2025 from Alex Leffelaar, Climate Action Assistant, has been received.

6.2 FOR DISCUSSION: ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR THE WATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN - GOAT WATERSHED 53 - 58

The Committee Report dated April 15, 2025 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board approve the Goat Watershed Engagement Plan as outlined in the April 15, 2025 CSLAC Report.

And FURTHER, that a report be submitted to the Board following the completion of the engagement.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 FOR DISCUSSION: CSLAC MEETING DATES REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

There are three CSLAC meetings remaining in the 2025 Budget. Staff propose rescheduling the June CSLAC meeting to July, cancelling the August meeting and maintaining the October and December meetings as planned.

7.2 FOR DISCUSSION: COMMUNITY SUSTINABLE LIVING SERVICE OPTIONS

RECOMMENDATION:
That staff be directed to provide options on the continuation of the

Community Sustainable Living Service (CSLS 105) and current projects in consideration that three electoral areas have requested to withdraw from the service.

8. PUBLIC TIME

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

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Community Sustainable Living advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

The Community Sustainable Living advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at ____ p.m..

Regional District of Central Kootenay
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Open Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.
RDCK Hybrid Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C	In-Person
Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A	In-Person
Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B	In-Person
Director A. Watson	Electoral Area D	
Director C. Graham	Electoral Area E	
Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F	
Director H. Cunningham	Electoral Area G	
Director W. Popoff	Electoral Area H	In-Person
Director A. Davidoff	Electoral Area I	
Director H. Hanegraaf	Electoral Area J	
Director T. Weatherhead	Electoral Area K	In-Person
Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-Person
Director L. Main	Village of Silverton	In-Person

GUEST

Director K. Page	City of Nelson

DELEGATION

Gord MacMahon	South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society

STAFF PRESENT

Y. Malloff	General Manager of Finance, IT & Economic Development
S. Sudan	General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Services
D. Seguin	Manager of Community Sustainability
P. Marshall-Smith	Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor
A. Leffelaar	Climate Action Intern

S. Singla	Senior Energy Specialist
S. Kindred	Administrative Assistant, Development and Community Sustainability Services

1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

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

Meeting Time:
1:00 p.m. PST
Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/95242278422?pwd=OHZm4pXvEbFsFR7JRBYvfMFiHMjlRy.1

Join by Phone:
855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

Meeting ID: 952 4227 8422
Meeting Password: 203526

In-Person Location:
RDCK Boardroom - Nelson Office
202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson BC

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vandenberghe called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

DIRECTOR PRESENT Director Cunningham joined the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

DIRECTOR PRESENT Director Davidoff joined the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The agenda for the February 18, 2025 Community Sustainable Living advisory Committee meeting was adopted with the inclusion of the following:

- Item 8.2: Budget vs. 7-Year Average Actuals; and

- Item No.8.3: Water Sustainability Project in Yaqan Nukiy Amakis-Creston Valley-Goat Watershed

before circulation.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The January 14, 2025 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE

Gord MacMahon, from South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society, presented Multi-disciplinary Investigation into the Geothermal Energy Potential of the East Shore of Kootenay Lake, BC to the Committee.

Gord MacMahon answered the Committee's questions and Chair Vandenberghe thanked Mr. MacMahon for his presentation.

7. STAFF REPORT

7.1 FOR INFORMATION: UPDATE ON SUSTAINABILITY SERVICE PROJECTS AND AREAS OF ACTIVITY

The Staff Report dated February 18, 2025 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That Director Keith Page have freedom of the floor.

Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 FOR INFORMATION: COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025 PLANNING

The Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee 2025 Planning Presentation dated February 18, 2025 by Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, was received.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee S105 does not include the $25,000 grant in the draft 2025 budget.

Carried

RECESSED / RECONVENED The meeting recessed at 2:24 p.m. for a break and reconvened at 2:29 p.m.

8.2 FOR DISCUSSION: COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025 BUDGET REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Presentation dated February 18, 2025 by Dan Seguin, Manager of Community Sustainability, has been received.

The Committee reconsidered the language to the recommendation in Item 8.1.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:
RECONSIDERATION OF THE MOTION

That the foregoing motion being:

> *That Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee S105 does not include the $25,000 grant in the draft 2025 budget;*

Be reconsidered by amending the recommendation to read:

> That it be recommended to the Board t*hat the $25,000 in grants for Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee S105 be removed from the draft 2025 financial plan and that the requisition be reduced to reflect the removal of the grants.*

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:
MAIN MOTION

That it be recommended to the Board that the $25,000 in grants for Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee S105 be removed from the draft 2025 financial plan and that the requisition be reduced to reflect the removal of the grants.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

That the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee 2025 Budget and Financial Plan is approved.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

That the foregoing motion being:

> *That the Community Sustainable Living advisory committee 2025 Budget and Financial Plan is approved;*

Be amended to add at the beginning, “That it be recommended to the Board that the 2025 DRAFT”, replace “is” with “be” and include “as amended” before “approved”, thus reading:

> *That it be recommended to the Board that the 2025 draft Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Budget as amended be approved.*

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:
MAIN MOTION

That it be recommended to the Board that the 2025 draft Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Budget and financial plan, as amended be approved.

Carried

8.3 FOR DISCUSSION: WATER SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT IN YAQAN NUKIY AMAKIS - CRESTON VALLEY - GOAT WATERSHED

The Committee Report dated February 14, 2025 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, was received.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That it be recommended to the Board that the RDCK enter into a Contribution Agreement with yaqan nuʔkiy for building our partnership of working together on water sustainability for yaqan nuʔkiy ʔamakʔis - Creston Valley, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the costs be paid from S105 – Community Sustainability.

Carried

8.4 FOR DISCUSSION: COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - COMMITTEE BYLAW

The Committee Report dated February 18, 2025 from Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, was received.

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

That the Community Sustainable Living Committee Establishment Bylaw No. 3004, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

That the foregoing motion being:

That the Community Sustainable Living Committee Establishment Bylaw No. 3004, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content;

Be amended by including, “That it be recommended to the Board” before “that the Community” and adding, “as amended” after “time by content”, thus reading:

That it be recommended to the Board that the Community Sustainable Living Committee Establishment Bylaw No. 3004, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content, as amended.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:
MAIN MOTION

That it be recommended to the Board that the Community Sustainable Living Committee Establishment Bylaw No. 3004, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content, as amended.

Carried

8.5 FOR DISCUSSION: RURAL MOBILITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAW

The Committee Report dated February 18, 2025 from Alex Leffelaar, Climate Action Assistant, was received.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 3005, 2025 be read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time by content.

Carried

8.6 FOR INFORMATION: ELK ROOT CONSERVATION REGENERATIVE EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY FOOD GARDENS FINAL REPORT

The Final Report dated December 6, 2024 from Elk Root Conservation Farm Society, was received.

9. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 3:52 p.m.

No questions from the public or media.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Carried

____
Kelly Vandenberghe, Chair

Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee

Staff Update – April 2025

Prepared by: Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor

Date: April 15, 2025

This update provides a concise summary of current activity within the RDCK Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) portfolio, highlighting recent accomplishments, active projects, and upcoming milestones. It aims to support Committee members in tracking progress, understanding resource commitments, and preparing for upcoming decisions or opportunities.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Engagement strategy drafted for Water Sustainability Planning in the Goat River Watershed – *report is provided in CSLAC April agenda*
- Slocan Lake and River Partnership Terms of Reference under review
- Invasive Species and Grid Resilience initiatives progressing

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 2025: Final report on Groundwater Monitoring
- June 2025: Grid Resilience pilot presentation

CONTENT

1. Dashboard of Key Activities

Project	Status	What's New	Next Milestone	CSLAC Role
Goat River Watershed	Active	Engagement ready to launch, scoping underway	Terms draft in Spring	Review scoping & engage Directors and residents
Slocan Lake and River Partnership	Active	TOR under review	Structure draft by Summer	Review/endorse TOR
Ymir Watershed Natural Asset Management Plan	Active	Project underway with Green Analytics	Report in May	Review & reflect
Climate Action Strategy	Active	Businesses cases in progress	Board review each case as brought forward	Support review & implementation
Regional Invasive Species Working Group	Active	WG continuing to meet; 2025-26 funding in 2025 FP	Ongoing reporting	Monitor & support
Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee	Active	Bylaw & project update on agenda	Group	Review & advise

2. Thematic Project Updates

WATER (WATERSHED GOVERNANCE & NATURAL ASSETS)

- Watershed Governance Initiative –
  - Goat River Water Sustainability Planning: engagement strategy rafted and ready to launch; met with Area Directors and continuing to work with yaqan nukiy staff.
  - Slocan Lake & River Partnership: TOR review ongoing. Structural development to follow.
  - Ymir Watershed Natural Asset Management: Green Analytics hired and report expected May 2025.

CLIMATE ACTION & RESILIENCE

- Climate Action Strategy: Staff supporting After Action Reporting related to 2024 Wildfires, preparing internal RDCK staff engagement strategy, preparing improved energy efficiency in all facilities, supporting engagement strategy for Goat Watershed and on-going work on business cases.
- Invasive Species Plan: Funding request for 2025-26 included in budget
- Grid Resilience (Lardeau Valley Pilot): Presentation scheduled for June 2025. Support provided as needed.

FOOD & AGRICULTURE

- Central Kootenay Food Policy Council: Funding request submitted; awaiting Board decision. Staff continue to participate.

TRANSPORTATION & ENERGY

- Regional Mobility Strategy: Draft bylaw under review. Advisory Working Group formed and project update on CSLAC agenda
- General Energy & GIS Projects: Ongoing collaboration on mapping tools.

COMMUNICATIONS & ADMIN

- Website & Print Materials: Ongoing updates in progress to align with new RDCK site.
- General Administration: Bi-monthly CSLAC coordination and project support.

3. Staff Time and Commitments Summary

The following table outlines the staff time distribution between February - April 2025:

	Area of Work	Staff Allocation	Key Update
Water	Watershed Governance Initiative	30%	Engagement strategy for CSLAC's approval – *on agenda*
	Slocan Lake and River Partnership	10%	Ongoing TOR review
	Groundwater Monitoring	2%	Final report due May 2025
	Ymir Watershed Natural Asset Management	10%	Project launched; report expected in April
Energy	Grid Resilience Investigation	1%	Presentation scheduled for June 2025
Transportation	Rural Mobility Working Group	5%	Regional Mobility bylaw on CSLAC agenda for approval
	Admin (S105)	10%	Reporting & project admin
Food Systems	Food Systems – CKFPC	5%	Funding included in 2025 Financial Plan
Climate Action	Climate Action Strategy	15%	Staff are working on implementing Climate Action Ideas – *on Board agenda*
	Invasive Species Plan	2%	Funding included in 2025 Financial Plan
	Admin (S100)	10%	Ongoing Board reporting

Total Allocation: 100%

4. Annual CSLAC Planning Timeline

Month	Key Activities
February	Visioning, annual planning, budget discussion
March	Budget approval
April	Call for applications (if funds available), project reporting
June	Evaluate applications
July	Launch approved projects
August–December	Project implementation and reporting

5. Appendix – Board Resolutions Guiding CSLAC Activities

FOOD & AGRICULTURE	
CENTRAL KOOTENAY FOOD POLICY COUNCIL	1. 718/17 That the Board direct staff to include a $10,000 per year funding for the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council within the 2018-2022 draft financial plan for Service S105. 2. 741/18 That the Board grant the balance of $22,083.62.00 to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council (CKFPC) contingent on all grant reporting and society action reporting deliverables be presented and approved by the Board; AND FURTHER, that staff obtain documentation form CKFPC that indicates they are in compliance with the British Columbia Societies Act. 3. 757/18 That the Board appoint the following Directors to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council for a term to end December 31, 2020 Director Faust and the second appointment BE REFERRED to December 13, 2018 Board meeting. 4. 03/19 That the Board appoint the following Director to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council for a term to end December 31, 2020 as per resolution 757/18: Director Peterson Director Main (Alternate) 5. 48/19 That the Board agrees that the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council has satisfied the Board's requirements and has demonstrated that it is in compliance with funders and the BC Societies Act; AS SUCH, the RDCK Board grants the balance of the $29,347.87 to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council from Community Sustainability Service S105. 6. 284/20 That the Board approve the $25,000 in the 2020 Financial Plan from Community Sustainable Living Service S105 be held for a Food Security Coordinator position within the Emergency Operations Centre as leveraging funds. 7. 285/20 That the Board direct staff to report on options to establish a Food Security Coordinator position to be fully funded through Community Sustainable Living Service S105 with a budget up to $25,000 8. 377/20 That the Board send a letter of support for the Columbia Basin Food Security Plan; AND FURTHER, that the Board allocate funds to the first phase of the "Central Kootenay Interim Food Security Action Plan" from Community Sustainability Service S105 in the amount of $22,145.00 to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council. 9. 115/21 That the Board approve the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council's request for increase in core funding for a total amount of $15,000 to be included in the 2021 Financial Plan from the Service 105 Community Sustainable Advisory. 10. 286/21 That the Board and staff review the draft Central Kootenay Interim Food Security Action Plan and provide their recommendations by May 11, 2021. 11. 288/21 That Board direct staff to complete an internal assessment, prior to requesting a Service Case Analysis, to understand if a Contribution Service for food and agriculture is possible. 12. 855/21 That the Board direct staff to work with Central Kootenay Food Policy Council to proceed with the

	proposed actions of the Regional Food Security Action Plan: Recommendation 3.3 - Support annual Farm & Food Directory via paid advertisements and Recommendation 3.7 - Develop full inventory of food assets in the Central Kootenay with costs of no more than $3,575 to be paid from Service 105 – Community Sustainable Living Service. 13. 431/24 That the Board authorize staff to enter into a agreement with the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council or the Grow & Connect Interior project for a total of $20,000 + GST, to be paid from the Local Government Climate Action Funds in S100 – General Administration and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, that the 2024 financial plan for S100 General Administration be amended to increase Contribution from Reserve by $20,000 and Grants expense by $20,000. 14. 695/24 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into an agreement with Central Kootenay Food Policy Council for $30,000 to be paid from General Administration Service S100 for one year (2025) for core funding; AND FURTHER, that the amount be included in the draft 2025-2029 Financial Plan.
WATER	
WATERSHED GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE	1. 416/16 That the RDCK write a letter to the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance and invite the organization to the West Kootenay to hold a watershed workshop. 2. 592/16 That the RDCK invite The POLIS Project on Ecological Governance to attend the January 2017 Board meeting to give a presentation on watersheds and water sustainability. 3. 88/18 That the Board direct staff to invite the Polis Project to host a workshop with the RDCK staff and Directors on watershed governance; AND FURTHER expenses and stipend be paid by General Administration S100. 4. 256/18 The Watershed Governance workshop with the POLIS Project be booked for May 18th, 2018 and the Watershed Governance Workshop Discussion report be made available to all Board Directors. 5. 487/18 That the Board direct staff to develop a Regional Watershed Governance Initiative project plan and identify an allocation for General Manager of Development Service and Sustainability Coordinator's time to implement the project plan for consideration in the draft 2019 five year financial plan within General Administration Service (S100). 6. 892/18 That the RDCK Board directs staff to seek funding to launch and coordinate a scoping study to better understand the potential watershed governance roles and responsibilities of the RDCK; with areas for the study to be determine by the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee at the January committee meeting; And further, the Board allocates staff time of the Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor (0.3 FTE), General Manager of Development Services (0.1 FTE) and Water Services Liaison (0.1 FTE) to support the procurement process for services. 7. 13/19 That the Board direct staff to develop a Regional Watershed Governance Initiative project plan, and identify an allocation for General Manager of Development Service and Sustainability Coordinator's time to implement the project plan for consideration in the draft 2019 five year financial plan within General Administration Service (S100). 8. 121/19 That the RDCK Board approve funds in the amount of $26,250 from S105 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Service for the Watershed Governance Initiative scoping study, to complement the work being done in Area H and I's ground water studies, for the following watersheds: • Bourke, Sitkum & Duhamel Community Watershed (Area F); • Arrow Creek Community Watershed (Area B); • Ymir Community Watershed (Area G); • Argenta Watershed (Area D); • Harrop (Area E); • and Deer Creek (Area J) 9. 409/10 That the RDCK Board award the Regional Watershed Governance Initiative Scoping Study to Christina Metherall and Elucidate Consulting, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents to a maximum value of $26,880 (includes GST).

	10. 282/20 That the Board direct staff to prepare a workplan to determine the organizational capacity of the Community Sustainability Services and Water Services staff to pursue the recommendations of the RDCK Regional Watershed Governance Initiative report dated January 2020. 11. 389/20 That the Board endorse the Watershed Governance Initiative Project Plan (May 2020) and direct staff to pursue the Project Plan as a collaboration between Community Sustainability and Water Services staff 12. 610/20 The Board direct staff to bring forward a project plan with budget that will seek to collate and map existing watershed information held by the RDCK and other sources at a regional scale to inform our next steps and as a support to communities and conducting a gap analysis; AND FURTHER bring this back to the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee to inform the RDCK's next steps on watershed governance. 13. 828/20 That the Board approve transfer of funds to Community Sustainability Service S105 for a student position to support the Watershed Governance Initiative Data Collation and Mapping project in the amount of $14,500 from the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Service S100 and include in the 2021 Financial Plan; That the Board approve transfer of $9,000 in funds for the Watershed Governance Initiative Data Collation and Mapping project from Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Service S100 to Community Sustainability Service S105. 14. 112/21 That the Board send a letter of support to Living Lakes Canada for the Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Collaborative and Water Hub. 15. 113/21 That the Board direct staff to report back to Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee on how the workplan for the Watershed Governance Initiative is modified and budgeted based on a collaboration with Living Lakes Canada. 16. 584/21 That the Board approve the recommended next steps of Phase 3 of the Watershed Governance Initiative (WGI) with a focus on relationship building and planning, mapping and monitoring as outlined below and presented to the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee August 17, 2021: 1. Supporting continued relationship building with Yaqan Nukiy and Ktunaxa Nation Council, Syilx Okanagan Nation Alliance, Secwepemc and Sinixt 2. Provide technical support for community led watershed mapping and communication tools such as story mapping 3. Supporting management of RDCK water systems - pilot natural asset management 4. Supporting regional monitoring – investigate how the RDCK could support local level monitoring 5. Supporting community led mapping – investigate Nature Based Planning 17. 585/21 That the RDCK Board direct staff to develop a work plan for continued work on the Watershed Governance Initiative (WGI) including seeking external partners; AND FURTHER, to prepare for discussion on how Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) can encompass the entire Board. 18. 658/21 That the Board direct the Chair of the Board and Chair of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee to reach out to MLA Brittny Anderson to discuss opportunities for engagement around the Regional Watershed Governance Initiative as it moves into Phase 3 focused on relationship building, monitoring and mapping. 19. 852/21 That the Board direct staff, Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Chair and Board Chair to work with MLA Anderson to develop a relationship with Forest Lands Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and host community forums focused on watershed governance and stewardship in 2022. 20. 853/21 That Resolution 847/20, being the transfer of $9,000 in funds for the Watershed Governance Initiative Data Collation and Mapping project from Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Service S100 to Community Sustainability Service S105 and include in the 2021 Financial Plan BE RESCINDED because funds were not needed as anticipated. 21. 86/22 That the RDCK Board approve funding up to $25,000 for the 2022 Watershed Governance Initiative budget from S105 Community Sustainable Living Service and include this in the 2022 Financial Plan; AND FURTHER, the Board allocates staff time of the Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor and Water Services Liaison to support the 2022 Watershed Governance Initiative. 22. 128/22 That the Board direct staff to submit a response on behalf of the RDCK to the Province on the

Watershed Security Strategy and Fund; AND FURTHER, invite Board members and staff to comment on the draft responses by Monday, February 28, 2022.

23. 258/22 That the RDCK Board direct staff to send a request to Yaqan Nukiy Chief and Council for their participation on developing a Water Sustainability Plan for the Creston Valley; AND FURTHER, request that the Province order a Water Sustainability Plan be developed in the Creston Valley in partnership with RDCK and Yaqan Nukiy SUBJECT TO agreement from Yaqan Nukiy.
24. 433/22 That the Board direct staff to prepare a service case analysis and report back to the Board on the implications of establishing the requisition of a Drinking Water & Watershed Protection Service bylaw for protection of watersheds and drinking water in the Regional District of Central Kootenay to be added to the workplan in 2023.
25. 515/22 That the Board direct staff to work with the Wynndel community residents to create a story map, request an investigation under the Drinking Water Protection Act (Section 29) and request that the Ministry of Forests confirm the VRI (vegetation regeneration index) for the Duck Creek Watershed; AND FURTHER, that the Community Sustainable Living Service (S105) contribute up to a total of $25,000 of funds over 2022 and 2023 budget years to conduct a cumulative impact study of proposed logging in the Duck Creek Watershed.
26. 224/23 The Board is asked to provide comments related to watershed ecosystem services and health; climate resiliency; watershed governance and the help needed; economic opportunities within watersheds; reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples as it relates to water; and, advancing the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
27. 304/23 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Collaborative Research Agreement with Selkirk College to provide research support for a service case analysis on a Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Case Analysis for the period of May 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023; AND FURTHER, that the Agreement be signed by the Chair and Corporate Officer.
28. 305/23 That the Board direct staff to conduct Step 1 of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee project evaluation of completing a Natural Asset Management Plan for Ymir Water System - Quartz Creek Watershed.
29. 377/23 That the Board direct staff to complete Step 2 of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee project evaluation to create a natural asset management plan for the Quartz Creek Watershed prepare a workplan and budget.
30. 304/23 That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a Collaborative Research Agreement with Selkirk College to provide research support for a service case analysis on a Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Case Analysis for the period of May 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023; AND FURTHER, that the Agreement be signed by the Chair and Corporate Officer.
31. 305/23 That the Board direct staff to conduct Step 1 of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee project evaluation of completing a Natural Asset Management Plan for Ymir Water System - Quartz Creek Watershed.
32. 377/23 That the Board direct staff to complete Step 2 of Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee project evaluation to create a natural asset management plan for the Quartz Creek Watershed prepare a workplan and budget.
33. That the Board direct staff to include the annual grant allocation of $20,000 in Community Sustainable Living Service S105, in the 2024 budget for the following projects:
    • Columbia Basin Groundwater Monitoring Program - Living Lakes: $10,000
    • Regenerative Educational Community Food Garden - Elk Root Conservation: $10,000
34. 385/24 That the Community Works Fund application submitted by Regional District Central Kootenay for the project titled ‘Ymir Watershed Natural Asset Management Plan’ in the amount of $60,000 be approved and that funds be disbursed from Community Works Funds allocated to Electoral Area G and allocated to S105 Community Sustainable Living Service; AND FURTHER that the 2024 Financial Plan for S105 Community Sustainable Living Service be amended to increase Community Works Grants by $60,000 and increase Contracted Services Expense by $60,000.
35. 386/24 That the Board direct staff to submit a joint application to the Watershed Security Fund for water sustainability project within the yaqan nuʔkiy ʔamakʔis - Creston Valley in the amount of $150,000 and that if successful, grant funds be allocated to S105 Community Sustainable Living Service; AND FURTHER, briefing

notes are provided to elected officials and elected officials are engaged when Chief and Council are engaged.

36. 612/24 That the Board approve the RDCK entering into a Funding Agreement with Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia for water sustainability for yaqan nuʔkiy ʔamakʔis - Creston Valley, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

KOOTENAY LAKE PARTNERSHIP

1. 91/18 That the RDCK Board approve funding of $10,000 under S105 Community Sustainable Living Service to support the contracted service of the Kootenay Lake Partnership Coordinator position within the 2018 budget.
2. 414/19 That the RDCK Board extends its support for Living Lakes Canada's Foreshore Inventory and Mapping for Aquatic Species at Risk proposal to the Canada Nature Fund with in-kind contributions of mapping data and staff hours for a total contribution of $175,000.00 over the four (4) year term of the project, which is:

PROJECT	IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS
Regional Flood and Hazard Risk Assessment LIDAR Acquisition and Processing	Completed in 2018 $40,000.00 Completed in 2018 $40,000.00
Floodplain Mapping Kootenay Lake Inundation Study	In Process $60,000.00 In Process $10,000.00
Planning staff time for review and outreach	Pending $25,000.00

3. 390/20 That the Board direct staff to transfer the remaining grant funding from the Real Estate Foundation (REF) in Community Sustainability Service S105, administered by RDCK on behalf of the Kootenay Lake Partnership, to Living Lakes Canada to support the Program Coordinator Position upon receiving confirmation from REF to do the transfer; AND FURTHER, that final report comes back to RDCK for information
4. 89/22 That the Board approve an allocation of $10,000 annually from 2022-2024 to fund the Kootenay Lake Partnership Coordinator from the Community Sustainable Living Service S105 and this amount be added to the 2022-2026 Financial Plan; AND FURTHER, the Board approve that amount be paid to the Ktunaxa Nation Land and Resource Division annually, to support the Kootenay Lake Partnership through contract administration of the Coordinator position SUBJECT TO a contribution agreement with the Ktunaxa Nation Council being prepared and brought back to the Board.
5. 129/23 That the Board approve an allocation of $10,000 annually from 2022-2024 to fund the Kootenay Lake Partnership Coordinator from the Community Sustainable Living Service S105 and this amount be added to the 2022-2026 Financial Plan Community Sustainable Living Service S105. (see minutes for full resolution)
6. 326/23 That the Regional District of Central Kootenay manage and administer the Ktunaxa Nation Council's successful grant applications for the Kootenay Lake Partnership initiatives and be compensated for that work through the administration fee included in the grant award; AND FURTHER, that the Chair and Corporate officer be authorized to sign the necessary agreements.
7. 716/23 That the Board direct staff to submit a funding application to UBCM Community to Community (C2C) for Kootenay Lake Partnership 2024 strategic planning.
8. 04/24 That the Board ratify the funding application to the UBCM Community to Community (C2C) Program for the Kootenay Lake Partnership 2024 strategic planning; AND FURTHER, the RDCK is willing to provide overall grant management and supports all proposed activities within the C2C grant application for Kootenay Lake Partnership 2024 strategic planning with less than 10 hours of staff time to come from Planning and Land Use Service S104.

ENERGY	
REGIONAL BIOENERGY & FULL FIBER UTILIZATION PLANNING	1. 119/19 That the Board direct staff to explore partnerships possibilities with Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Regional District East Kootenay and Regional District Kootenay Boundary on the Timber Deadstock Biofuel scoping study; AND FURTHER, that staff explore funding opportunities for the study 2. 232/19 That the Board approve the RDCK entering into a Contribution Agreement with Columbia Basin Trust to support the research and development of a business plan for timber deadstock biofuel in the Regional District of Central Kootenay, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents; AND FURTHER, the required matching funds of up to $25,000 come from Service S105 - Community Sustainable Living Advisory; AND FURTHER, that the grant funds be received and administered through S105. 3. 500/20 That the Board direct staff to further develop the business case potential of the Wood Pellet Boiler Network, District Energy in Castlegar and Village District Energy Systems as part of the Timber Deadstock Bioenergy Feasibility Study in coordination with municipal staff. 4. 845/20 That the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Chair, RDCK Board Chair and senior staff approach the new Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development to ask what emerging direction may be coming which would assist the RDCK in further investigating bioenergy projects which would align with provincial objectives of maximizing fiber utilization and reducing forest fuel loading; AND FURTHER to make a similar outreach to Forest Enhancement Society BC. 5. 285/21 That the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee take no further action at this time on the following recommendation: 845/20 That the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Chair, RDCK Board Chair and senior staff approach the new Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development to ask what emerging direction may be coming which would assist the RDCK in further investigating bioenergy projects which would align with provincial objectives of maximizing fiber utilization and reducing forest fuel loading; AND FURTHER to make a similar outreach to Forest Enhancement Society BC.
COMMUNITY GEOTHERMAL - GIS PROJECT	1. 451/21 That the Board approve funding $10,000 for the South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society`s Community Geothermal - GIS Project Set-up and Data Integration from S105 Community Sustainable Living Service and include this in the 2021 Financial Plan.
RURAL GRID RESILIENCE INVESTIGATION	1. 516/22 That the Board direct staff to work with Community Energy Association to understand the potential and limitations of energy storage, micro generation or bi-directional charging and prepare a workplan and budget for 2-3 community pilots in 2023, with the report to come back to the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee for review. 2. 303/23 That the Board approve $6,500 in funding to support a Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society pilot of residential power back up/renewable home assessment & rebates, to be paid from the Community Sustainable Living Service (S105).
REGIONAL ACTIVE & LOW CARBON TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY	1. That the Board direct staff to prepare a detailed project budget to investigate regional active transportation solutions as outlined in the report from Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) staff dated September 10, 2022 and report back to CSLAC for approval. 2. 384/24 That the RDCK Board direct staff to establish a collaborative working group on regional transportation and partner with regional industry, local governments, and community organizations; AND FURTHER, that up to $15,000 be used from S100- General Administration – Local Government Climate Action Program reserve to fund the initiative; AND FURTHER, that the working group Terms of Reference come back to the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee for review. 3. 458/24 That the Board direct staff to submit an application to the 2024 Age-friendly Communities Grants for the Regional Mobility Working Group in the amount of $25,000; AND FURTHER, if successful, grant funds be allocated to the A108 Development Services and the previously allocated $15,000 Local Government Climate Action Program funding (res 384/24) be returned to S100 reserve; AND FURTHER, that staff be authorized to enter into a contribution agreement with BC Healthy Communities should the RDCK be

	awarded funding.
CLIMATE ACTION	
CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY	1. 124/19 That the Board direct staff to prepare a resolution that responds to ramping up RDCK's climate action in response to the climate emergency by April, 2019. 2. 272/19 - WHEREAS Climate change is recognized to be an urgent reality requiring rapid decarbonisation of energy across all sectors; Climate change is recognized to be an urgent reality where risks are compounded by increased climate change weather related events (more precipitation in the winter, dryer hotter summers) and increased levels of uncertainty. Preparing for increased resilience and adaptability is critical; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board recognizes that the world is in a global state of climate crisis. This reality creates an imperative for ALL ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT to undertake "rapid and far reaching" changes to building construction, energy systems, land use and transportation. 3. 701/19 That the Board direct staff to update the RDCK Policy Framework to incorporate a climate action lens; AND that, the 3-phased Climate Action Lens Policy strategy will seek input from the Senior Management Team to ensure smooth integration with operations and will bring recommendations to the Board for approval. 4. 861/19 That the Board direct staff to distribute the 2019 RDCK State of Climate Action full report and summary handout to the public. 5. 848/20 That the Board approve transfer of funds to Community Sustainability Service S105 for a student position to support climate action work in the amount of $14,500 from the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Service S100 and include in the 2021 Financial Plan; AND FURTHER, to offset the costs of the student position, the Board direct staff to apply to the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) for $12,000. 6. 604/21 That the RDCK Board endorse updating the RDCK State of Climate Action (SoCA) reporting framework to include a combination of reporting efforts such as – a dashboard, an annual scorecard, and reports (less frequent than current annual reports) with expenses to be paid from General Administration Service S100. 7. 44/22 That the Board adopt Policy 200-01-17 Better Corporate Building Policy and accompanying Procedures effective January 20, 2022 8. That the RDCK Board adopt science based carbon pollution (greenhouse gas emissions) reduction targets of 50% below 2018 levels by 2030, and 100% by 2050; AND FURTHER that the Board directs staff in 2022 to prepare 4-year climate action plans as a pathway to 2030 climate action targets and bring a report back to the Board. 9. 259/22 That the RDCK Board approve the budget of up to $80,000 for the development of the 2023 -26 Climate Action Plan and associated four (4) year Communication and Engagement Strategy, and that these funds be drawn from the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) reserve in General Administration Service S100. 10. 514/22 That the Board appoint the following Directors to an advisory group to support the completion of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Climate Action Plan – Aimee Watson, Garry Jackman, Janice Morrison, Suzan Hewat 11. 268/23 That the Board refer adoption of RDCK Climate Actions to the August 17, 2023 Board meeting to allow for continued engagement through to July 26; AND FURTHER, that Staff are directed to conduct public in-person meetings at the request of Directors (all requests be submitted no later than Friday May 5). 12. 391/23 That the Board approve up to the amount of $121,700 to support communication and engagement related to RDCK Climate Actions from the Local Government Climate Action Program funding in Service 100 – General Administration; AND FURTHER, that the Board utilize the Community Sustainable Living Committee, as an advisory committee, to inform communication and engagement related to building the RDCK Climate Plan. 13. 89/24 That the Board direct staff to solicit additional individual feedback from RDCK Board Directors via

	survey; AND FURTHER, that staff use engagement feedback to identify different possible Climate Action Plan versions; AND FURTHER, that staff provide these versions to the Board for direction on which to develop. 14. 90/24That the Board approve stipend and expenses for the Climate Action Plan workshop to be paid from General Administration Service S100. 15. 231/24 That the Board direct staff to explore new climate action items impacting RDCK residents and make recommendations to the Board based on the RDCK Ideas for Climate Action document presented at the April 18, 2024 Board meeting; AND FURTHER, that those items that were identified as high priorities in our consultation process, are practicable, and fiscally feasible are presented to the Board with a business case prior to proceeding, with funding ideally being provided by polluter super-funds. 16. 490/24 (IC58/24) That the Board direct staff to extend the Community Resilience Coordinator term position to December 2026 at an annual cost of $70,981 and that the position be funded from the Local Government Climate Action Program funds; AND FURTHER, that the 2024-2028 financial plan for Service 100 – General Administration be amended to increase contribution from the dedicated Local Government Climate Action Program reserve by $23,630 and to transfer to other service -A108 (Development and Community Sustainability Services) by $23,630 for 2024 and increase contribution from the dedicated Local Government Climate Action Program reserve by $70,891 and to transfer to other service -A108 (Development and Community Sustainability Services) by $70,891 for 2025 and 2026.456/24 That the Board direct staff to draft a Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Bylaw to replace the Terms of Reference.
RURAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (RDI) – CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROJECT	1. 233/19 That the Board partner with the Rural Development Institute's Regional Approach to Rural Climate Adaptation Project Partnership and direct staff to finalize the agreement; AND FURTHER, allocate $12,500 of in-kind staff time from Service S105 for 2019-2020 (2 years) to support the Partnership. 2. 595/19 That the Board approve the RDCK entering into a Collaborative Research agreement with Selkirk College for the Regional Approach to Rural Climate Adaptation Project Partnership for the period from May 1, 2019 to March 1, 2021, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.
100% RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2050	1. 257/18 That the Board commit to the development of strategies and implementation of projects to achieve the long-term goal of deriving 100% of its net energy from renewable sources by 2050 and commit to demonstrate strong political leadership and significantly contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases in the region. 2. 222/19 That the Board appoint the following individual(s) to work with the West Kootenay EcoSociety towards the 100% Renewable Energy by 2050 from the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee; AND FURTHER, stipend and expenses to come from S105: Director Faust & Lockwood 3. 412/19 That the Board Chair and Corporate Officer sign the Memorandum of Understanding with West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan. 4. 139/21 That the Board receive the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan dated December 2020 as presented in the January 6, 2021 West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan Board Report; AND FURTHER, that the adoption of the plan be considered after the workshop has taken place.
REGIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES PLAN	1. 483/21 That the Board direct Development and Community Sustainability Services staff to coordinate with staff from Geographic Information Services, Resource Recovery, Water Services, Recreation Facilities and Parks to create a proposal for an implementation plan of the draft Regional Invasive Species Strategy. 2. 50/22 That the Board direct staff to negotiate and enter into a sole-source agreement with the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society for an invasive plant inventory on RDCK-owned or leased properties and development of a detailed implementation plan of the Regional Invasive Species Strategy for an amount not to exceed $44,472 exclusive of GST; AND FURTHER, that the costs for the inventory be paid from the services responsible for the lands and buildings sites identified and the costs of $8,500 for the Regional Invasive Species Implementation Plan be paid from General Administration Service S100. 3. 780/22 That the Board direct staff to enter into a sole-source agreement with the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society for invasive plant management on RDCK-owned-leased properties, as outlined in the 2022 RDCK Invasive Plant Management Plan up to a maximum amount of $48,230 plus GST; AND FURTHER, that the costs for the invasive plant management be added to the 2023-2027 Financial Plan for the departments

	responsible for the lands and building sites identified. 4. 172/23 That the Board direct staff to enter into a Contribution Agreement with Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society for the implementation of PROGRAM Option 1 of the Regional Invasive Species Strategy for a total not to exceed $15,000 + GST. 5. 646/23 That the Board appoint the following two (2) Directors to the Regional Invasive Species Working Group for a term to end September 2024 – Kelly Vandenberghe and Suzan Hewat. 6. 379/24 That the Board direct staff to extend the agreement with Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society to continue improving regional capacity for a total not to exceed $15,000 + GST from July 2024 to July 2025; AND FURTHER, that the 2024 financial plan for General Administration Service S100 be amended to increase contribution from reserve by $15,000 and increase grants expense by $15,000. 7. 696/24 That the Board direct staff to extend the agreement with Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society to continue improving regional capacity for a total not to exceed $15,000 + GST from July 2025 to July 2026; AND FURTHER, that this amount be included in the 2025 draft Financial Plan for General Administration Service S100.
COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS – partnership with Youth Climate Corps/Wildsight	1. 125/23 That the Board support the development and delivery of the Climate Action Ambassadors program in partnership with Youth Climate Corps-Wildsight; AND FURTHER, the Board provide a letter of support to partner with Youth Climate Corps through Wildsight for the application to the Rural Economic Diversification & Infrastructure Program (REDIP) contributing in-kind support ($58,000) and cash contribution ($40,000 previously approved in reso 259/22) to be funded from the Local Government Climate Action Plan for training in each of the departments and oversight of development and delivery of the program. 2. 651/23 That the Board provide a letter of support to the Rural Economic Diversification & Infrastructure Program (REDIP) for the Fire to Food Youth Climate Corps-Wildsight project with in-kind support up to $19,200 for training in each of the departments and oversight of development and delivery of the program.
CSLAC ADMINISTRATIVE & COMMUNICATION SUPPORT	
WEBSITE UPDATE & PRINT MATERIAL	1. 601/18 That the Board direct staff to highlight the work of the Sustainability Service (105) through the RDCK website and announce with a media release. 2. 578/19 That the Board directs staff to procure services from Little H Design Works for $2,500 for the work of designing the summary report for the RDCK's Climate Action Indicator Project with funds to come from Service 105; AND FURTHER, staff be directed to seek quotes to produce a graphic illustration of this report for distribution on line.
ADMIN	1. 382/18 That the RDCK Board support the allocation of S105 funds 'Grants' leveraging and linking additional funds from external agencies for sustainability initiatives, as described in the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Terms of Reference. 2. 123/19 That the Board approve the 2019 Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee draft budget; AND FURTHER, that the directors stipend and expenses be reduced to $5,000 for the years 2020-23 inclusive. 3. 207/24 That the Board direct staff to review the current Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and bring forward a report for the June 18, 2024 CSLAC meeting. 4. 457/24 That the Board direct staff to prepare a Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee Project Fund policy.

Committee Report – For Information

April 15th

Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee Update

Author: Alex Leffelaar – Climate Action Assistant
File Reference: 10-5200-20-CAS-CAP-RMCAC
Electoral Area/Municipality: CSLAC members
Services Impacted S105

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee, which convened in March to discuss Phase 1 project scopes and priorities.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND UDPATE

Background:
In June, the Board directed staff (384/24) to establish a collaborative working group on regional transportation in partnership with regional industry, local governments, and community organizations, and that up to $5,000 be used from S100- General Administration – Local Government Climate Action Program reserve to fund the start of this initiative. The working title for the collaborative working group is the **Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee (RMCAC).**

The RMCAC has received notice of interest to participate at various capacities from over 30 individuals including representation of youth, seniors and rural residents through the following community organizations:

- East Shore Transportation Society
- North Slocan Trails Society
- Creston Valley Youth Network (& other Basin Youth Networks)
- LINKS Lardeau Valley
- Community Service Societies:
  - Arrow & Slocan Lakes
  - South Kootenay Lakes
  - Yahk-Kingsgate
  - Proctor-Harrop
  - We Graham (Slocan)
  - Kaslo
  - Castlegar & District
- Slocan Valley Housing Society
- Doctors & Nurses for Planetary Health,
- Selkirk College
- Community Futures Central Kootenays
- Selkirk College
- West Kootenay Carshare Coop
- Kootenay Rideshare
- Interior Health – Community Health
- Columbia Basin Trust
- LVR Green Team
- West Kootenay Cycling Coalition
- Balfour District Business & Historic Association

Staff also sent a questionnaire to all CSLAC members requesting input on membership, mobility projects, and project metrics appropriate for each of the member Director's respective Electoral Area/Municipality. Many of the member groups mentioned above were identified through Director responses to this survey. This member base satisfies the RMCAC's membership requirements as defined in the attached Bylaw 3005:

- 'The RMCAC will include a minimum of six (6) community members, all of whom must reside within the RDCK. At least three (3) of these members must represent rural areas of the region that have minimal to no transit servicing currently.' AND
- 'RMCAC member base will include representation of rural RDCK communities from across the region, seniors, youth, transit users, and both non-profit and private organizations involved in the regional transportation network.'

Project Prioritization

Based on the goals and tasks drafted in the RMCAC Bylaw, members developed a list of potential projects to consider pursuing collaboratively. Both the list of projects and the Bylaw were also informed by the discussion outcomes of the Regional Transportation Summit hosted by the RDCK in spring of 2024. Each project was briefly presented and described to the group including:

- Overall scope of the project
- How it would address the RMCAC's goals
- Potential metrics and outcomes the project could achieve
- Tasks and associated timelines
- Which Electoral Areas and municipalities the project might impact
- Key partners that should be involved in the project work and research
- Financial considerations for the project and future phases

A list of 7 projects was presented. Through roundtable and open discussions, the group reached unanimous consensus and agreed that with current resourcing and collective interests, it would be possible to begin advancing initial stages of all 7 projects. A live poll allowed members to rank their priority levels for the projects from 1-7. The ranking process concluded that all project priorities were equally high. During the poll, members also listed the projects that they would be interested in actively collaborating on as part of the project task group, each project has a task group of at least 6 members. Comprehensive descriptions of each project are included in Attachment 01 – RMCAC Project Update – 2025, and the contents and results of the project presentations and discussions are summarized in the tables below:

Project Summaries, Metrics, Financial Considerations, and Prioritization Results

Project	Summary	Metrics	Finances
Shared Mobility Programs	Support shared mobility programs across the region (e.g. carshare, rideshare, and shuttle programs)	# of regional shared mobility programs # of electoral area residents using programs # seniors, youth, and low-income residents, accessing programs	Search for funding to subsidize Class 4 driver training Carshare has extended insurance model
Shared Mobility Software	Investigate feasibility of developing a software app to improve access and	Feasibility / Needs Assessment conducted	Identify funding streams to cover software development costs

	increase use of shared mobility programs	Scope developed for software development Cost estimations acquired for software	Other municipalities have reached out to Rideshare and could contribute
Mobility Mosaic Mapping	Map transportation networks and interconnections across region and create an online, open-source database to support residents and organizations	Feasibility / Needs Assessment conducted Scope developed for platform development Cost estimations acquired for platform	Identify funding streams to cover GIS/data costs WKCC & Selkirk College have funding and are working on Active Transportation mapping across RDCK/RDKB
Transit Advisory Team	Engage with regional Transit Committees and other transit authorities on transit servicing / infrastructure improvements to support residents and interconnections with other modes of transportation	# Transit rides / year # of community priorities achieved Improvements to Transit servicing/infrastructure	BC Transit has some funding for connections to other modes and service improvements
Active Transport (AT) Advisory Team	Build a strong case for improving regional active transportation servicing and infrastructure, develop key partnerships, and collect/focus regional input for effective advocacy	Data-based case presented to Board # of partnerships / connections established Level of public interest for active transportation infrastructure	Identify grant streams that can support infrastructure projects Transportation Service would need Case Analysis
Safe Biking Education	Support the Everyone Rides Program to provide bicycle education to grade 4/5 students in rural communities outside of RDCK municipalities	# of students or schools educated/year # of biking programs supported (or $-value) # of kids biking to school	Funding will be requested from Area Directors individually Hub Cycling provides some program funding School Districts and/or LGCAP could be considered as potential funding sources
New Denver-Silverton Path (NSTS)	Develop a scope of work for a Feasibility Study of an active transportation corridor between New Denver and Silverton, and develop an understanding and prepare for next steps	Pre-feasibility data collection conducted Scope developed for Feasibility Study Cost estimations acquired for Feasibility Study	NSTS has applied for funding from Slocan Valley Legacy Fund Identify grant streams to apply to for scoped study

3.0 NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

See below for a timeline for the remainder of 2025 and Phase 1 – project development and investigations. Phase 2 will be developed following an evaluation of Phase 1 and grant reporting.

Project Timeline

	Q1- 2025	Q2 - 2025	Q3 - 2025	Q4 - 2025	*2026
Details	Develop list of potential projects with RMCAC, prioritize and select Phase 1 projects. Develop metrics, tasks, project teams, and potential outcomes for each project.	After RMCAC Bylaw Adoption, begin background investigations for each project. Gather relevant data, work with project teams to establish roles, detailed scopes, and a clear understanding of existing resources, opportunities, and gaps. Assess feasibility and suitability of each project as to regional needs.	Plan solutions to address gaps and leverage existing resources identified, develop estimates of costs and search for funding opportunities where additional finances are needed. Build working relationships with key partners and understand where further advocacy is needed.	Prepare annual reporting and evaluation of project investigations and initial findings (including final report to Age Friendly Communities grant). Consider applications to funding streams identified. Present strong cases for future efforts and projects and start planning Phase 2 projects.	Based on Phase 1 reporting and evaluation findings, kick-off Phase 2 projects and funding applications.
Status	Complete	In early stages, awaiting Bylaw adoption (April)	Upcoming		

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Leffelaar

CONCURRENCE

Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn
General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Services – Sangita Sudan
Manager of Community Sustainability Services – Dan Séguin

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 01 – RMCAC Project Update – 2025

Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee – Project details

April 2, 2025

Find below information on the tasks, potential outcomes, and key partners for each project being explored by the RMCAC.

1. **Shared Mobility Programs**

Outline:
Support shared mobility programs across the region (e.g. carshare, rideshare, and shuttle programs)

Tasks/Process:
- Investigate and understand community needs for/from shared mobility programs
- Identify and leverage existing resources and programs to support community needs
- Identify remaining gaps and support solutions to address these

Potential Outcomes:
- Increased shuttle options & availability for youth programs
- Increased options for seniors' recreation and medical appointments
- Class 4 driver training subsidies provided to support program

Rural Areas Impacted:
- The needs and priorities of all electoral areas will be considered by the shared mobility program investigations

Key Partners:
- Youth Networks
- Community Service Societies
- Seniors Associations
- Private Businesses (backcountry lodges, recreation ventures, charters, etc.)
- East Shore Transportation Society
- Lardeau Valley LINKS
- Kootenay Carshare Coop
- Kootenay Rideshare

2. Shared Mobility Software

Outline:
Investigate the feasibility of developing a software app to improve access and increase use of shared mobility programs and identify funding needs and opportunities to support

Tasks/Process:
- Investigate needs of regional shared mobility programs (rideshare, carshare, cab/charter services, shuttles, etc.)
- Connect with the Kootenay Grow & Connect program to understand how their project/software might relate to this project work
- Review other existing software models (Modo, TransLink, etc.)
- Develop an outline for the software application needed to best support regional programs/gaps
- Research the development costs and identify and pursue funding opportunities

Potential Outcomes:
- Gain a strong understanding of community needs from software
- Identify and apply to grant streams to support software app development

Rural Areas Impacted:
- The benefits and priorities from/for all electoral areas will be considered by the shared mobility software investigations

Key Partners:
- Kootenay Carshare Coop
- Kootenay Rideshare
- Community Futures
- Kootenay Grow & Connect Pilot

3. **Mobility Mapping Mosaic**

Outline:
Map existing transportation networks and interconnections across the region and host this on an online, open-source database to support residents and community organizations, and help identify gaps and opportunities

Tasks/Process:
- Understand what partial databases exist/are underway and where support is needed
- Investigate community and local business needs for/from this type of resource and evaluate overall utility
- Understand GIS data requirements to support this project
- Search for and apply to grants to support the development of an appropriate internet application open-source database
- Publicize the developed resource to maximize use of the online map/database by the community and organizations

Potential Outcomes:
- A gained understanding of whether this resource would be valuable/helpful for local communities and organizations
- Grant applications submitted to support this work
- An online map and database with open sourcing for residents and community organizations to use

Rural Areas Impacted:
- All electoral areas will be included in the Mobility Mosaic Mapping project

Key Partners:
- West Kootenay Cycling Coalition
- Selkirk College
- RDCK GIS Department
- Kootenay Grow & Connect Pilot

4. **Transit Advisory Team**

Outline:
RMCAC will engage with regional Transit Advisory Committees (Creston Valley Transit Services Committee, Kootenay West Transit Services Committee, West Kootenay transit Committee) and other organizations with jurisdiction over transit, providing input on how transit servicing and infrastructure can be improved to better support residents and improve interconnections with other modes of transportation

Tasks/Process:
- Build positive advisory relationships with regional Transit Authorities/Committees
- Present collected input on transit service and infrastructure improvements
(i.e. bike racks/lockers, hubs, routes, Bus Exchange / last mile, connecting transit & other modes)

Potential Outcomes:
- Improved connections between transit and other transportation modes and amenities
- Improved transportation opportunities for residents in electoral areas

Rural Areas Impacted:
- Priorities from all electoral areas will be represented and considered by the Transit Advisory Team, with special consideration given to those areas with minimal to no transit servicing and how to improve connectivity for these areas to transit services and other forms of transportation

Key Partners:
- West Kootenay Transit Action
- Youth, seniors, low-income, and other vulnerable demographics
- Rural area residents

5. **Active Transportation Advisory Team**

Outline:
Build a strong case for improving regional active transportation servicing and infrastructure, in alignment with community priorities - develop key partnerships, and collect/focus regional input for effective advocacy

Tasks/Process:
- Gather data (Castlegar-Nelson Corridor & other studies)
- Consolidate case and justifications
- Present case & recommendations to Board
- Build partnerships and advocate to other organizations involved in regional active transportation network

Potential Outcomes:
- A strong case presented to RDCK Board (in 2026) to consider a Transportation Service and/or Strategy
- Advocacy to Province/Federal governments on the need for improved active transportation networks
- Improved transportation options for residents in electoral areas

Rural Areas Impacted:
- Priorities from all electoral areas will be represented and considered by the Transit Advisory Team, with special consideration given to those areas with minimal to no transit servicing and how to improve connectivity for these areas to transit services and other forms of transportation

Key Partners:
- West Kootenay Cycling Coalition
- Youth, seniors, low-income, and other vulnerable demographics
- Rural area residents
- Ministry of Transportation & Transit (MoTT)

6. **Safe Biking Education**

Outline:
Support the Everyone Rides Program to provide bicycle education to grade 4/5 students in rural communities outside of RDCK municipalities

Tasks/Process:
- Identify rural schools and costs for program (complete)
- Gain interest of rural Directors/school district reps and plan delivery dates (Area K interested)
- Contract Kootenay Mountain Biking to deliver education (have capacity for this)
- Consider potential future education efforts (bike mechanics, e-bike safety)

Potential Outcomes:
- 100 kids trained/year in schools outside of municipalities
- Improved knowledge of safe bicycling for children in small communities

Rural Areas Impacted:
- Schools in all electoral areas (as well as smaller municipalities that have not yet been offered the Everyone Rides program) will be considered to receive safe bike education. So far schools identified include Burton, Edgewood, Nakusp, Lucerne (New Denver), WE Graham (Slocan), Canyon-Lister, Erickson, Crawford Bay, Kaslo, Salmo, Brent Kennedy, Winlaw, Robson, and more

Key Partners:
- Everyone Rides Program (HUB Cycling, and Kootenay Mountain Biking)
- Youth, teachers/educators/schools & districts
- West Kootenay Cycling Coalition

7. **New Denver – Silverton Path**

Outline:
Develop a scope of work for a Feasibility Study for the construction of an active transportation corridor between New Denver and Silverton, including developing an understanding of and preparing for next steps for this project

Tasks/Process:
- Develop Scope of Work
- Grant Identification & application preparation
- Identify Consultants and Collect Project Estimates

Potential Outcomes:
- A drafted scope of work for study that would assess the feasibility of this path (including a business case)
- Grant applications submitted to support the study
- Could lead to the construction of a path that would connect Area K and Nakusp to Area H and New Denver & Silverton

Rural Areas Impacted:
- Investigations for the potential construction of an active transportation corridor between New Denver and Silverton would impact both these municipalities as well as electoral areas K, H, Nakusp, and potentially could lead to a connection to Slocan and the Slocan Valley Rail Trail Stretching to Areas E and F

Key Partners:
- North Slocan Trails Society
- West Kootenay Cycling Coalition
- Residents in Area H, and New Denver & Silverton
- Ministry of Transportation & Transit (MoTT)

Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee

Project Update

Presented by: Alex Leffelaar
Date: April 15, 2025

rdck.ca

Presentation Outline

1	RMCAC – Who Are We?
2	Who is Missing from the Conversation?
3	How will the Projects impact the Region?
4	How were the Projects chosen?
5	How will the Projects be funded?
6	What are the Projects?
7	What is the timeline for the Projects?

Vision Statement

The Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee (RMCAC**)** endeavors to help RDCK residents access **an integrated network of equitable, low carbon, and multi-modal transportation options**, otherwise known as the transportation ecosystem.

RMCAC – Who Are We?

The RMCAC received expressions of interest from over 30 individuals and organizations.

Members are welcomed to participate in a variety of ways with various levels of commitment to ensure that all interested are welcome to be involved, regardless of capacity.

The following 4 people collaboratively guide and support RMCAC meeting coordination and discussions:

Coordination - Alex Leffelaar - Climate Action Assistant

Technical Support - Paris Marshall Smith - Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor & Tom Dool – Research Analyst

Discussion Co-facilitator - Sarah Breen (Selkirk College) – Regional Innovation & Rural Economic Development

RMCAC – Who Are We?

Community Groups, Networks, & Societies

- North Slocan Trails Society
- Creston Valley Youth Network (& other Basin Youth Networks)
- East Shore Transportation Society
- LINKS Lardeau Valley
- Slocan Valley Housing Society

Community Service Societies:

- Arrow & Slocan Lakes
- South Kootenay Lake
- Yahk-Kingsgate
- Proctor-Harrop
- WE Graham (Slocan)
- Kaslo
- Castlegar

Other Community Organizations

- Community Futures Central Kootenays
- West Kootenay Carshare Coop
- Kootenay Rideshare
- Balfour District Business & Historic Association
- West Kootenay Cycling Coalition
- West Kootenay Transit Action
- Interior Health – Community Health Branch
- Columbia Basin Trust
- Nelson & Area Community Transportation
- Castlegar Chamber of Commerce

And more!

How will RMCAC projects impact the Region?

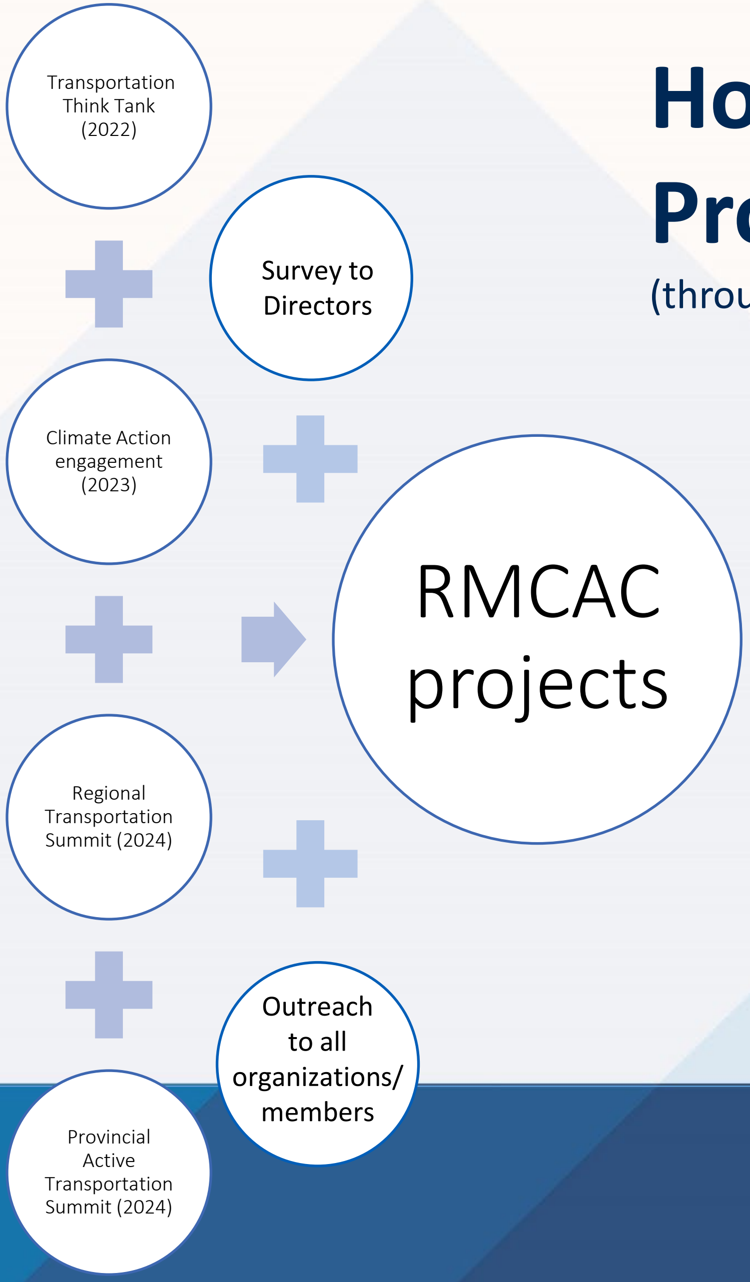
RDCK Electoral Areas – Most of the initial projects will consider impacts on all Electoral Areas, and RMCAC will periodically conduct regional analyses to identify under supported Areas where further efforts can be directed

Pilots may start with one area and expand to other areas

Only one project is area specific (New Denver - Silverton Corridor), but this path would connect 2 Electoral Area with 3 municipalities, and link to an existing regional path (Nakusp – New Denver).
It is also a small project that could be used as an example for other projects across region.

Who is missing from the Conversation?

- **Ministry of Transportation & Transit** – key partner/contact for several pilot projects
- **Local Entrepreneurs/Businesses** may be interested in some of the pilot projects
- **Municipalities (and neighboring districts)** – have been in touch with other municipalities/districts during investigations, will continue to engage as pilots advance to align, avoid duplication, and increase efficiency
- **First Nations** – letter drafted with offer to guide or collaborate with the RMCAC if there is interest/capacity
- **Other Community Organizations** – Continued efforts will be made to continue engaging groups across the region



How were the Ideas developed, and Projects chosen?

(through many layers of engagement and input)

Next Steps

- Staff will investigate the 7 prioritized projects
- Staff will provide project updates to CSLAC
- End of year 1 (2025) staff will provide a report on progress and next steps for year 2 (2026)

How will our Projects be Funded?

Year 1 – 2025

- Coordination:
  - LGCAP ($5,000)
  - Age Friendly Grant – BC Healthy Communities ($25,000)
- Projects:
  - Discretionary funds (i.e. Everyone Rides program – Area H and K have committed)
  - Some projects are being advanced/funded in part externally
    - the New Denver/Silverton corridor
    - Mobility Mapping is being developed by Selkirk College

Year 2 – 2026

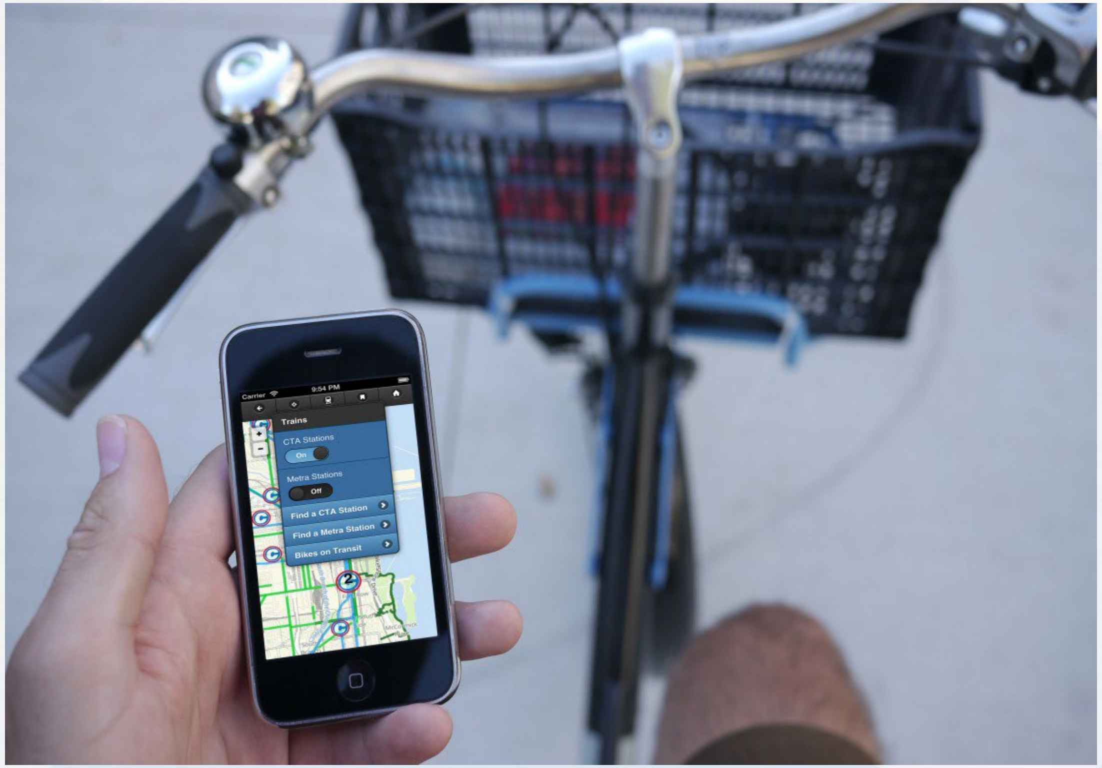
- Coordination
  - LGCAP
- Projects
  - External grant streams (e.g. Age Friendly Grant - $15,000 for implementation
  - Provincial & Federal funding streams

What are our Projects?

Shared Mobility Programs	Support shared mobility programs across the region (e.g. carshare, rideshare, and shuttle programs)

What are our Projects?

Shared Mobility Software	Investigate feasibility of developing a software app to improve access and increase use of shared mobility programs



What are our Projects?

Mobility Mosaic Mapping	Map transportation networks and interconnections across region and create an online, open-source database to support residents and organizations

What are our Projects?

Transit Advisory Team	Engage with regional Transit Committees on transit servicing/infrastructure improvements and connect to other modes of transportation

What are our Projects?

Active Transportation Team	Build strong case for improving regional active transportation servicing and infrastructure, develop key partnerships, and collect regional input for advocacy

What are our Projects?

Safe Biking Education	Support the Everyone Rides Program to provide bicycle education to grade 4/5 students in rural communities outside of RDCK municipalities

What are our Projects?

New Denver – Silverton Path

Develop scope for Feasibility Study of active transportation corridor from New Denver to Silverton, and understand/prepare for next steps

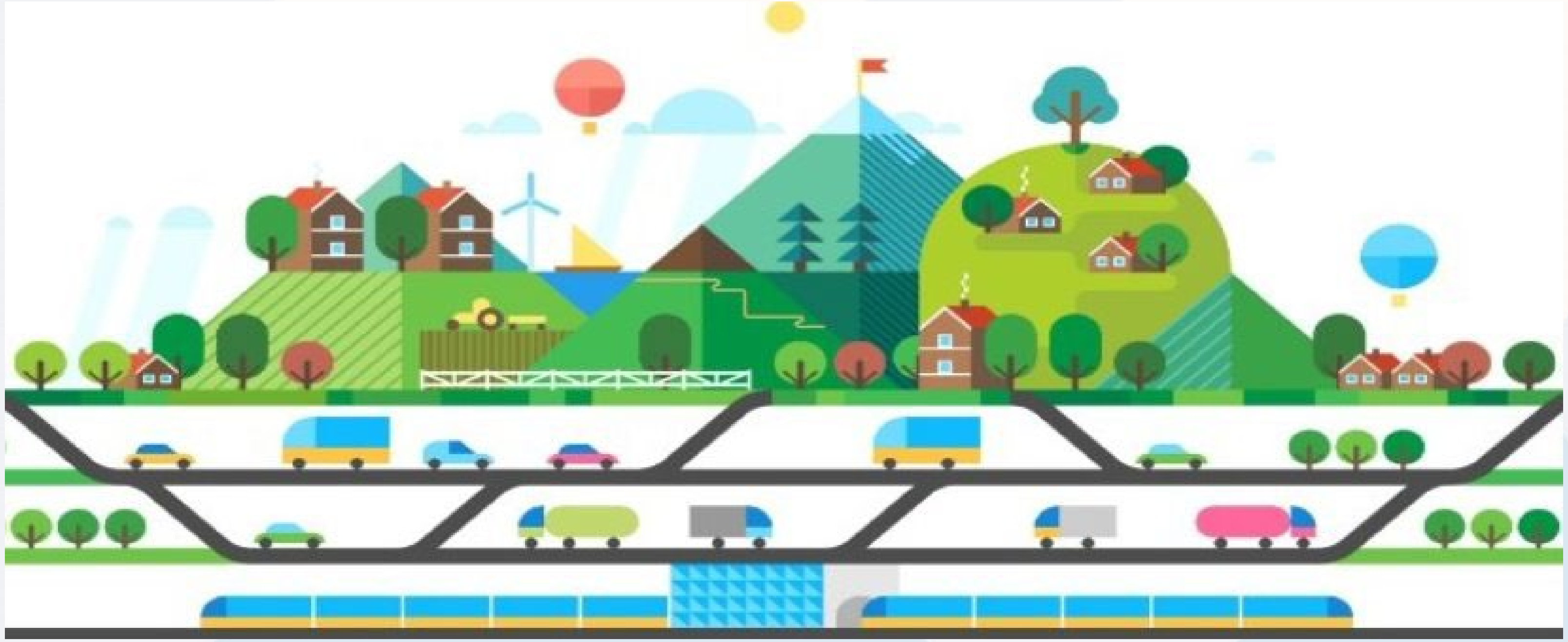
What is the RMCAC Project Timeline?

	Q1- 2025	Q2 - 2025	Q3 - 2025	Q4 - 2025	2026
Tasks	• Develop list of projects and priorities with for Phase 1 • Develop project metrics, tasks, teams, and objectives	• After RMCAC Bylaw Adoption, begin project investigations • Gather data & work with project teams to establish roles, scopes; understand existing resources; identify opportunities & gaps • Assess feasibility of each project	• Plan solutions to address gaps and leverage existing resources, gather cost estimates, identify funding opportunities • Build relationships with key partners and understand where further advocacy needed	•Annual project reports & evaluation (final report to Age Friendly Communities grant) •Apply to grants •Present strong cases for future projects and start planning Phase 2	• Based on Phase 1 reporting & evaluation findings, kick-off Phase 2 projects
Status	Nearly complete	Just beginning	To come	To come	To come

rdck.ca

Thank You!

Any Questions?



rdck.ca

Committee Report

April 15, 2025

Engagement Strategy for the Water Sustainability Plan – Goat Watershed

Author:	Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor
File Reference:	WGI-Goat_Watershed-Engagement
Electoral Area/Municipality:	Creston, Areas A, B and C
Services Impacted	S105 - OPR676-101

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the Goat Watershed Engagement Plan as outlined in the April 15, 2025 CSLAC Committee Report.

And FURTHER, that a report be submitted to the Board following the completion of the engagement.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The RDCK, in working with the yaqan nuʔkiy to *Build Our Relationship for Working Together on Water Sustainability* to co-develop of a Water Sustainability Plan (WSP) for the Goat Watershed.

To support this project, RDCK staff have drafted an engagement strategy.

The focus of the engagement is to strengthen relationships between RDCK elected officials and yaqan nuʔkiy Nasookin and Council, yaqan nuʔkiy and RDCK staff, residents and interest groups. As well the strategy hopes to build understanding and ensure that water stewardship conversations are grounded in both local and indigenous knowledge and shared values. Current engagement activities are scheduled for 2025 and will continue as needed in 2026.

Because this engagement involves both Elected Officials and relationship building with yaqan nuʔkiy leadership, staff are requesting the Board's guidance and approval of the approach.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The engagement strategy for *Building Our Relationship for Working Together on Water Sustainability* presents an opportunity to build trust, increase transparency, and create shared ownership of water challenges and actions in the Goat Watershed. The proposed approach of working with residents enables RDCK to foster respectful collaboration while meaningfully involving the public in water sustainability conversations.

Staff have prepared an engagement strategy and seek Committee and Board approval to begin.

3.1 Alignment to Board Strategic Plan

This project supports the RDCK's strategic priority of organizational excellence, building relationships with First Nations. As well, the focus on water conservation and watershed protection to support the priorities of managing RDCK asset and service delivery in a fiscally responsible manner and being environmental responsible.

3.2 Legislative Considerations

At a Provincial level, this work aligns with the Water Sustainability Act and the Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA).

For the RDCK, this work is supported by the following Board resolutions:

258/22 That the RDCK Board direct staff to send a request to Yaqan Nukiy Chief and Council for their participation on developing a Water Sustainability Plan for the Creston Valley; AND FURTHER, request that the Province order a Water Sustainability Plan be developed in the Creston Valley in partnership with RDCK and Yaqan Nukiy SUBJECT TO agreement from Yaqan Nukiy.

386/24 That the Board direct staff to submit a joint application to the Watershed Security Fund for water sustainability project within the yaqan nuʔkiy ʔamakʔis - Creston Valley in the amount of $150,000 and that if successful, grant funds be allocated to S105 Community Sustainable Living Service;

AND FURTHER, briefing notes are provided to elected officials and elected officials are engaged when Chief and Council are engaged.

612/24 That the Board approve the RDCK entering into a Funding Agreement with Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia for water sustainability for yaqan nuʔkiy ʔamakʔis - Creston Valley, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

3.3 What Are the Risks

Risks if Not Pursued:

- Reputational Risk: Lack of meaningful consultation with residents and stakeholders may erode public confidence in the RDCK.
- Knowledge Gap Risk: Without broad-based engagement and public education, final recommendations may lack community relevance or political support.
- Relational Risk: Failing to prioritize time together and co-created processes may weaken the partnership with yaqan nuʔkiy and miss an opportunity to decolonize engagement practices.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

Objective:
Deliver a locally relevant engagement strategy that builds understanding, trust, and participation in shaping the Goat Watershed Water Sustainability Plan.

Key Components:

A. Relationship with yaqan nuʔkiy

- Spring and fall leadership meetings between yaqan nuʔkiy Nasookin and Council and RDCK Chair, Creston Mayor and Area A, B and C Elected Officials to set collaboration principles and review engagement outcomes
- Shared time on the land: gatherings, walks, and meals between yaqan nuʔkiy Nasookin and Council and RDCK Board Chair, Creston Mayor and Area A, B and C Elected Officials
- Joint creation of communication materials (infographics, videos, maps) in English and Ktunaxa

B. Engagement with Elected Officials

- Ongoing dialogue to build understanding of governance frameworks and collaborative processes
- Workshops with RDCK Directors as needed

C. Engagement with Residents

- Media Campaign (April–July): Four phases progressing from inquiry to education and action
- Creston Valley Water Awareness Survey to assess public knowledge and priorities
- Kitchen Table Dialogues (Sept–Dec) with food producers and residents
- Community Science Sessions featuring researchers and local experts on hydrology

D. Engagement with Stakeholder Groups

- Roundtables with agricultural, industrial, environmental, and conservation groups
- Collaboration with Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisors (KBFA) and the Ministry of Agriculture to support food sector input

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

Budget - all out of pocket costs are grant funded. A portion of staff time is RDCK funded.

- $6,500: Visual materials (e.g., maps, infographics, displays)
- $12,500: Overall engagement (including cultural protocols, workshops, facilitation)
- $5,000: Stakeholder-specific events and materials
- $2,500: Resident engagement and outreach tools
- In-kind staff time for Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor (up to 30% of time) & Community Resilience Coordinator (up to 20% of time)

TOTAL - $26,500 + staff time

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

- **Low turnout:** Early promotion, bilingual materials, and trusted messengers (e.g., community leaders).
- **Engagement fatigue:** Varied formats (videos, roundtables, surveys) to keep outreach fresh and accessible.
- **Increasing anxiety about water shortages:** Preparing careful, sensitive engagement that follows the lead of residents. Emphasizing collective solutions.
- **Cultural missteps:** Materials developed in partnership with yaqan nuʔkiy and use of culturally respectful approaches.

4.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

This work is included in the workplans of both the Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor and Community Resilience Coordinator.

4.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

- Builds understanding of water sustainability and local risks
- Fosters transparency and trust between the RDCK, yaqan nuʔkiy, and community
- Increases readiness for implementation of WSP recommendations in 2026
- Creates space for diverse voices and knowledge systems.
- Promotes awareness of local water realities and encourages informed dialogue.
- Builds collective understanding that supports effective decision-making.

4.5 Leveraging Technology

Technology will be used creatively to support diverse engagement. This will be balanced with analogue options to support accessibility.

4.5 Measuring Success

- Number and diversity of participants across activities (e.g. survey responses, attendance at meetings etc)
- Participant feedback and indicators of trust-building.
- Integration of insights into plan development (via year-end review).

5.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION(S)

- **Minimal Engagement Approach:** Focus only on required consultation with limited community outreach.
- **Online-Only Engagement:** Rely solely on digital tools.
- **Consultant-Led Process:** Outsource engagement entirely to a third-party consultant.

5.1 Financial Considerations of the Alternative Solution(s)

- **Minimal Engagement Approach:** would be a less expensive option to what is being proposed
- **Online-Only Engagement:** would be a less expensive option to what is being proposed
- **Consultant-Led Process:** would be a more expensive option to what is being proposed, currently funding is not available to support this option.

5.2 Risks with the Alternative Solution(s)

- **Minimal Engagement Approach:** Does not foster relationship-building or collective understanding.
- **Online-Only Engagement:** Inaccessible to rural residents with low connectivity; excludes those who prefer in-person dialogue.

- **Consultant-Led Process:** Less relationship-building with yaqan nuʔkiy and community; higher costs and potential misalignment with local values.

5.3 Resource Allocation and Workplan Impact

- **Minimal Engagement Approach:** would be less work initially but possibly more work in future
- **Online-Only Engagement:** would be less work initially but possibly more work in future
- **Consultant-Led Process:** would be less work initially but possibly more work in future

5.4 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The three alternative options would not provide a high level of public benefit or stakeholder engagement.

5.5 Measuring Success

Same as recommended solution:

- Number and diversity of participants across activities
- Survey response quality and depth
- Participant feedback and indicators of trust-building
- Integration of insights into plan development (via year-end review)

6.0 OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT NOT PRESENTED

- **Third-party-led engagement:** Not pursued to preserve direct RDCK–yaqan nuʔkiy collaboration.

7.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1:
Recommendation: Approve Proposed Engagement Plan
Pro - Builds broad support, aligns with DRIPA, addresses ecological/economic risks
Con - Requires RDCK coordination and follow-through

Option 2:
Recommendation: Minimal Engagement
Pro - Lower cost and effort
Con - Weakens plan legitimacy, potential pushback from Province

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the Goat Watershed Engagement Plan as outlined in the April 15, 2025 CSLAC Report.

And FURTHER, that a report be submitted to the Board following the completion of the engagement.

Respectfully submitted,
Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & resilience Supervisor

CONCURRENCE

Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn
General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability Services – Sangita Sudan
Manager of Community Sustainability Services – Dan Séguin