



Regional District of Central Kootenay

NORTH KOOTENAY LAKE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Open Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2025

10:00 am

Hybrid Model - In-person and Remote

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Director S. Hewat
Director A. Watson

Village of Kaslo – Chair
Area D

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn
Y. Malloff
J. Chirico
C. Gaynor
T. Fehst
D. Zayac
C. Hopkyns

Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Financial Officer
General Manager of Community Services
Regional Parks Manager
Regional Fire Chief
Deputy Regional Fire Chief
Corporate Administration Meeting
Coordinator

VILLAGE OF KASLO STAFF PRESENT

R. Baker

Chief Administrative Officer

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:

10:00 PST

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/96510686084?pwd=rZfWBbpVzFpO89pvyzirquth7z3h2X.1>

Join by Phone:

833 958 1164 Canada Toll-free

*6 to unmute or mute

*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 965 1068 6084

Meeting Password: 511543

In-Person Location: Village of Kaslo Council Chambers 413 4th St., Kaslo, BC

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hewat called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,

And resolved:

The agenda for the February 24, 2025 North Kootenay Lake Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The January 20, 2025 North Kootenay Lake Services Committee minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE

No Delegates.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 BUDGET DISCUSSION

7.1.1 S221 - COMMUNITY FACILITY RECREATION & PARKS - KASLO & AREA D

The draft S221 - Community Facility Recreation & Parks - Kaslo & Area D budget request has been received.

The Committee Report dated February 24, 2025 from Cary Gaynor, Regional Parks and Trails Manager, re: 2025 S221 Budget Items Eligible For Community Works Funding, has been received.

Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services and Cary Gaynor, Regional Parks and Trails Manager, presented the updated 2025 Regional Facilities, Recreation and Park Service budget. They answered the Committee's questions regarding the S221 budget and grants.

Moved, seconded
And resolved:

That the North Kootenay Lake Services Committee approves the S221 - Regional Facilities, Recreation and Park Service grant budget allocation with the inclusion of Area D Community Development funds at a total of \$16,731 broken out as: \$2,038 to Argenta Community Hall, \$5600 to Lardeau Valley Community Club, and \$3833 to Ainsworth Hall, with the operating grants to come from requisition.

Carried

Moved, seconded
And resolved:

That the North Kootenay Lake Services Committee approve the contribution from the Area D Community Works Fund of \$13,000, split between Glacier Creek Regional Park (\$4500) and Lardeau Regional Park (\$8500) in the draft Service S221 Kaslo/Area D Recreation and Parks 2025 budget.

Carried

Moved, seconded
And resolved:

That the North Kootenay Lake Services Committee accept the proposed 2025 budget as presented for S221 - Regional Facilities, Recreation and Park Service with a requisition of \$282,077.

Carried

7.1.2 S280 - FIRE PROTECTION - KASLO

The draft S280 - Fire Protection - Kaslo budget request has been received.

Dan Zayac, Deputy Regional Fire Chief and Tristan Fehst, Regional Fire Chief, provided an overview of the 2025 Fire Services budget. They answered the Committee's questions regarding.

STAFF DIRECTION: That staff investigate if Community Works can be used for capital expenses and if it could be used retroactively.

Moved, seconded
And resolved:

That the North Kootenay Lake Services Committee accept the proposed budget as presented for S280 – Fire Protection – Kaslo with the requisition reduced to \$503,393 and that the transfer of the Community Development Grant of \$25,000 from Area D be included, and direct to staff to investigate Community Works for capital expenses.

Carried

7.1.3 S194 PUBLIC LIBRARY - KASLO & AREA D

The 2025 S194 Public Library - Kaslo & Area D budget request has been received. The Committee had a discussion regarding the S194 Public Library budget.

Moved, seconded
And resolved:

That the North Kootenay Lake Services Committee accept the 2025 draft budget as proposed for S194 – Kaslo & Area D Library Service with the requisition amount of \$131,864 and grants of \$130,825.

Carried

7.1.4 S150 - JAWS OF LIFE (KASLO SEARCH & RESCUE) - KASLO & AREA D

The 2025 S150 Jaws of Life - Kaslo & Area D budget request has been received. The Committee had a discussion regarding the S150 Jaws of Life (Kaslo Search & Rescue budget.

Moved, seconded
And resolved:

THAT the North Kootenay Lake Services Committee accept the 2025 draft budget as proposed for S150 – Jaws of Life (Kaslo Search & Rescue) with the increased requisition amount to \$32,246 and grants of \$30,000.

Carried

7.1.5 S109 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - KASLO & AREA D

The 2025 S109 - Economic Development - Kaslo & Area D budget request has been received.

The Committee had a discussion regarding the S109 – Economic Development – Kaslo & Area D budget and the challenges maintaining quorum for the Kaslo and Area D Economic Development Commission. The Committee decided to keep the Commission dormant in 2025.

Moved, seconded
And resolved:

THAT the North Kootenay Lake Services Committee accept the 2025 draft budget as proposed for S109 Economic Development – Kaslo & Area D with the inclusion in the 2025 – 2029 budget grants for \$2,000 to Imagine Kootenay, \$6,800 to Lardeau Valley LINKS Marketfest and \$7,500 to Kaslo Chamber of Commerce annual events to be paid from the S109 Economic Development - Kaslo & Area D Service for every year from 2025-2029

Carried

Moved, seconded
And resolved:

THAT the North Kootenay Lake Services Committee approve using \$14,300 from the 2024 surplus, with a requisition of \$4,050 for the S109 Economic Development - Kaslo & Area D Service for 2025 budget.

Carried

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

THAT the Board approve the payment of \$6,800 to Lardeau Valley LINKS and \$7,500 to the Kaslo Chamber of Commerce to be paid from the S109 Economic Development - Kaslo & Area D Service 2025 budget.

Carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 LIBRARY OPERATING FUNDING AGREEMENT

The Committee had a discussion regarding the library operating funding agreement. Staff shared that the RDCK's commitment for library funding going forward would continue to be under the service bylaw. With the the funding request being for capital

asset management, not just operations, Director Watson would want to have public engagement for her area.

Chair Hewat and CAO Baker will take the information back to the Village of Kaslo council for further discussion.

8.2 BYLAW 3015: KASLO AND PORTION OF ELECTORAL AREA D LIBRARY FINANCIAL AID SERVICE AMENDMENT

At the February 20th RDCK Board meeting, the Bylaw 3015: Kaslo and Portion of Electoral Area D Library Financial Aid Service Amendment item was referred back to the February 24, 2025 North Kootenay Lake Services meeting for discussion.

The Bylaw 3015: Kaslo and Portion of Electoral Area D Library Financial Aid Service Amendment, has been received.

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

That the Board take no further action that staff prepare an amendment bylaw for S194 – Kaslo & Area D Library Service Bylaw to increase the requisition limit by 25%.

Carried

8.3 BYLAW 3016: ELECTORAL AREA D AND VILLAGE OF KASLO EMERGENCY RESPONSE/JAWS OF LIFE LOCAL SERVICE AREA ESTABLISHMENT AMENDMENT

At the February 20th RDCK Board meeting, the Bylaw 3016: Electoral Area D and Village of Kaslo Emergency Response/Jaws of Life Local Service Area Establishment Amendment item was referred back to the February 24, 2025 North Kootenay Lake Services meeting for discussion.

The Bylaw 3016: Electoral Area D and Village of Kaslo Emergency Response/Jaws of Life Local Service Area Establishment Amendment, has been received.

The Report from Kaslo Search and Rescue, re: Kaslo SAR 2024 Year in Review, has been received.

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

That the Board take no further action that staff prepare an amendment bylaw for S150 Jaws of Life Service Bylaw to increase the requisition limit by 25%.

Carried

8.4 VILLAGE OF KASLO CEMETERY

The Committee had a discussion regarding Area D grant funding for the Village of Kaslo cemetery. Director Watson committed to \$2,500 for 2025.

9. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:55 a.m.

No questions from the public or the media.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next North Kootenay Lake Services Committee meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The North Kootenay Lake Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Carried

Digitally approved

Suzan Hewat, Chair

Christine Hopkyns, Meeting Coordinator