



Board Highlights

April 17, 2025

Moment of Silence

The Board observed two moments of silence in honour of four individuals who recently passed away. The first was held to remember RDCK Emergency Program Coordinator Jon Jackson, who passed away at the beginning of April. The second moment of silence was dedicated to Jason Remple (owner of Stellar Heliskiing and the Kaslo Hotel), Jeff Keenan, and Alex Pashley who tragically passed away in an avalanche on Monday, March 24 near Kaslo. The RDCK Board offered their condolences to the family and colleagues of these individuals.

Audited Financial Statements

The Board approved the 2024 audited financial statements by BDO Canada. Audited financial statements provide a consolidated and independently verified overview of a local government's financial activities over the course of the previous fiscal year and its financial position at the end of that year. [Click here](#) to view the 2024 audited financial statements.

New user fees and rental fees for RDCK Community Services

The Board approved an increase in user and rental fees based on a 2.6% rise in the cost of living in B.C. as of February 2025. Covered under the [RDCK's Community Services Fees and Charges Policy](#), this will affect the Castlegar & District Community Complex, Creston & District Community Complex, Nelson & District Community Complex, and Salmo & Area G Recreation effective September 2, 2025.

Rental rates that are below the target rate will be increased by 5% plus BC CPI for arenas. The Creston and District Community Complex aquatic rental rates will increase by 10%. Rates will increase until the target rental rate is reached as per the policy.

Recreation services at the RDCK are funded through a combination of user fees and taxation, resulting in recreation being subsidized by the community for the benefit of the community. [Click here](#) for the new fees and charges for admissions and rentals.

Public Hearing – Land Use Amendment (Spearhead, Electoral Area F)

The Board referred the land use bylaw amendment application from Spearhead to a third public hearing on May 1, 2025. The purpose of the application is to authorize the construction of a large industrial building on three residential lots located along Highway 3A in Electoral Area F, which would allow the applicant to manufacture glue-laminated wood products on site. New information was provided by the Interior Health Authority on April 10, 2025 which identified concerns regarding different conclusions drawn from two respective hydrogeological

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consultants. Based on the uncertainty of the potential impact of the proposed development on the aquifers and local ground water supply, staff recommended a third public hearing.

The Board resolved to give first and second readings to the proposed amendments to the Official Community Plan and Zoning bylaws in December 2024, but referred these bylaws to a public hearing. Since then, the RDCK has hosted two public hearings on January 9, 2025 and March 13, 2025. As well, the applicant was required to provide five supporting studies and reports to address comments from external agencies and concerns from the public. This included an archaeological assessment, on site wastewater assessment, groundwater impact assessment, traffic study, and a noise study. For more information, [click here to read the staff report](#).

Director's Reports

RDCK Directors provide monthly reports outlining what they have been working on. [Click here](#) to read the April reports in the Board minutes.

RDCK Quarterly Report

For the latest RDCK Quarterly Report, which details the current projects and initiatives of the RDCK, please [follow the link](#).

RDCK Board Meeting Video Recording

To view a recording of this month's meetings, [click here](#).

Discretionary Grants

[AREA B](#)

Creston Valley in the Raw Arts Society – Creston Clay Fest 2025	\$500
LKB Pow Wow Committee – 2025 Yaqan Nukiy Lower Kootenay Band 32 nd Annual Pow Wow	\$1,000
Rick Clark Memorial Society – Post Secondary Bursary Program	\$500

[AREA F](#)

Brent Kennedy Elementary School PAC – Brent Kennedy Playground Replacement	\$2,500
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[AREA G](#)

Salmo District Golf Club – Clubhouse Upgrades	\$5,000
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[AREA H](#)

Brent Kennedy Elementary School PAC – Brent Kennedy Playground Replacement	\$5,000
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[AREA I](#)

Brent Kennedy Elementary School PAC – Brent Kennedy Playground Replacement	\$2,500
Glad Community Hall – Lapsha Fundraiser	\$250
Glade Recreation Commission – Glade Easter	\$500

AREA J

Castlegar Minor Hockey Association – Castlegar/Nelson U18 BC Hockey Championships	\$2,000
U15 Rebels – WK Rebels U15 Girls Fastball Tournament	\$2,000

Community Development Grants

AREA D

Kaslo Logger Sports – Kaslo Logger Sports 2025	\$600
Lower Kootenay Band Pow Wow Committee – 32 nd Annual Yaqaan Nukiy Pow Wow	\$500
Kaslo Community Acupuncture Clinic Society – Trauma Response Clinic	\$1,165.50

AREA E

Blewett Safety and Preparedness Society – Wildfire Preparedness	\$4,490
Nelson Public Library – Literary Services to Area E Residents	\$20,000

AREA G

Salmo District Golf Club – Clubhouse Upgrades	\$5,000
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AREA I

Community Harvest Food Bank – Food Bank Services	\$500
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AREA J

BC Old Time Fiddlers Kootenay #9 – Kootenay Fiddle, Guitar, Piano Camp	\$600
Canada Jamaica Link Up Festival – Canada Jamaica Link Up Festival	\$2,500

AREA K

Burton Elementary School – BES Year-End Field Trip	\$500
Edgewood Seniors Society – Health Initiative	\$1,000
Fauquier Volunteer Fire Brigade – Fire Department Spring Training	\$800
Lower Arrow Lake Conservation Association – Whatshan Lake Kid's Fishing Derby	\$500

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

Treehugger Retreats and Events Society – Harmony 2025	\$1,200
Village of Slocan – Annual Easter Egg Hunt	\$150
Village of Slocan – Okanagan Nation Alliance “Fish in Schools”	\$1,000

Nakusp and Area K Recreation Commission No. 4

Nakusp Public Library	\$4,950
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Community Works

AREA E

Balfour Fire Hall – Stand-By Generator	\$15,000
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AREA F

Duhamel Water System – Well Pump Replacement

\$50,000