



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the RDCK Board Meeting June 21, 2018 REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY NELSON, BC

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CANNABIS ACT – LAND USE AMENDMENTS TO GO TO PUBLIC HEARING

On June 20, 2018, Bill C-45, the *Cannabis Act*, was passed by Parliament and is now awaiting Royal Assent. In anticipation of the changes for Local Government due to the new regulations, amendments to land use bylaws for all electoral areas were given first reading, and have been referred to Public Hearing. Prior to Public Hearing, the RDCK will also provide the opportunity for further discussion of the issue through an online survey and public and stakeholder sub-regional forums.

PRIVATE LANDS SURROUNDING COTTONWOOD LAKE REGIONAL PARK

The Nelson, Salmo, E, F & G Regional Parks Commission shared an update on what the Commission is doing with respect to the logging taking place on private lands near Cottonwood Lake Regional Park. In a verbal report, the Commission expressed its concerns about the logging and acknowledged that they have been receiving calls from upset residents and groups. The Board directed staff to explore options.

CRAWFORD BAY BEACH LOAN AUTHORIZATION

The bylaw to authorize the borrowing of \$2,070,707 to acquire approximately 69.68 hectares of land on the Crawford Bay beachfront in order to establish a regional park was adopted. This follows several months of community consultation and negotiations with the seller. The Board gave first, second and third readings of the bylaw at the May 25, 2018 meeting. The cost of acquiring the lands is estimated to be \$2.85 million. The purchase is being partially funded with \$800,000 from Columbia Basin Trust, with the remainder of funding coming through property taxation and reserve funds.

WINLAW AND AREA MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT

The Board gave first, second and third readings of the bylaw to establish a mosquito control service for Winlaw and surrounding areas in Electoral Area H. If approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, this will go to referendum during the October 2018 elections.

RDCK WILDFIRE MITIGATION SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT

The Wildfire Mitigation Program seeks to reduce community and individual vulnerability to wildfire within the two-kilometer wildland-urban interface. This service is experiencing growth and change, and staff have identified advantages to establishing a standalone Wildfire Mitigation Service. The Board directed staff to prepare a service establishment bylaw for a Wildfire Mitigation Service for consideration of three readings at the August 16, 2018 Board meeting.

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2018 UBCM RESOLUTIONS

The Board will submit three resolutions at the 2018 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.

The first asks that the Ministry of Forests Lands Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development develop and implement tree removal regulations for the planning and harvesting of trees on forested private land, in order to protect adjacent properties from damage.

The second asks that the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure work with BC Transit, local hospital boards, citizen and local government transit committees and private business to find solutions for the transportation of critically ill patients and patients awaiting surgery.

The third asks that the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Forests Lands Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development work with the UBCM and water governance specialists to establish regulations, and implement Water Sustainability Plans where necessary to ease the tensions arising due to competition between domestic and agricultural water use, source protection, resource extraction and wildfire mitigation.

NAKUSP MUSEUM TO GO TO ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS

The Board directed staff to proceed with obtaining approval of the electors within the Nakusp Museum Financial Contribution Service Area with respect to establishing a financial contribution service to cover the operating expenses for the Nakusp and District Museum, and that such approval will be obtained by alternative approval process (AAP) pursuant to Section 86 of the *Community Charter*. The deadline for receipt of elector responses will be 4:30 p.m. on August 13, 2018. Notice will be provided to residents and property owners in the affected service area as per AAP requirements.

2017 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORT (SOFI)

The Schedule and Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, was received by the Board, and approved for release in accordance with the *Financial Information Act*, with a copy to be filed with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

REGIONAL DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Following a report from Andrew Bellerby, General Manager of Fire and Emergency Services, the Board approved the hiring of a full-time Regional Deputy Fire Chief with costs to be allocated to the 18 fire departments and the emergency program service consistent with the allocation in 2017. The need for a full-time Regional Deputy Fire Chief was identified in a Fire Services administrative review conducted in December 2015, and would support the Fire departments to meet the requirements of the Office of the fire Commissioner's "Structure Firefighters Competency and Training Playbook." A Deputy Chief was hired for a 24-month term in 2016, and there has been agreement that this position needs to be reinstated as full-time permanent.

NEW WATER TENDER FOR WYNNDEL LAKEVIEW VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Wynndel Lakeview Volunteer Fire Department has a water tender that needs replacing due to the age limit (30 years) requirement dictated by the Fire underwriters. A request for quotes was posted on BC bid and tender documents were assessed by Chief McCrae. Staff recommended the bid submitted by Fort Garry Fire Trucks. The Board directed staff to purchase a 2000 imperial gallon tender from Fort Garry fire trucks for an amount not to exceed \$320,000 inclusive of taxes.

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DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

AREA A

East shore Community Advocacy Society	\$1,200
South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (East Shore Trail and Bike Association)	\$2,417.07
Parent Advisory Committee, Crawford Bay School	\$1,500

AREA D

RDCK (Pennywise Farm and Food Directory)	\$236.25
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AREA F

Balfour Golf Course	\$500
Moving Mosaic Samba Band	\$200
Nasookin Improvement District	\$2,496.32
Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce	\$1,000
Redfish Elementary School	\$4,000

AREA H

Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce	\$400
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AREA J

Castlegar Skating Club	\$500
Cops for Kids	\$1,000
RDCK (Castlegar District Recreation Complex)	\$482.50
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Stanley Humphries Secondary School	\$3,000

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

AREA C

Creston Valley Arts Council	\$5,000
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AREA D

Kaslo Jazz Society	\$1,250
Kaslo Search and Rescue	\$5,000
Kaslo South Area Water Supply Society (Kaslo Back Road FireSmart)	\$1,350
North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society	\$3,750
RDCK (S280 Kaslo/D Fire Service)	\$10,000

AREA E

Capital Theatre Restoration Society	\$5,000
RDCK (Pennywise Farm and Food Directory)	\$236.25

AREA F

Nelson Public Library	\$1,450
Balfour Harrop Rescue Society	\$10,000
Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative	\$1,000

AREA G

Salmo Valley Swimming Pool Society	\$5,000
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AREA H

Nelson Public Library	\$1,450
Perry Ridge Water Users Association	\$1,000
RDCK (S114 Economic Development New Denver)	\$12,416
RDCK (S231 Slocan Valley South Recreation)	\$5,000
Silverton Gallery Society	\$500

AREA J

Castlegar Bluegrass	\$1,000
Pass Creek Gospel Music Festival	\$1,000
Robson Community Memorial Church Society	\$1,508.85

AREA K

Burton Community Association	\$500
Edgewood Fire Department	\$4,000
Nakusp & District Museum Society	\$4,000
Nakusp Ski Club	\$3,000

KASLO

Kaslo Branch 74 Royal Canadian Legion	\$2,000
Village of Kaslo (Kootenay Lake Independent Schools Society)	\$1,000
Village of Kaslo	\$19,000

NEW DENVER

Village of New Denver	\$11,000
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AREA E ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Balfour & District Business & Historic Association	\$2,624.70
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