



# The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

## REGULAR MEETING #12-22 MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo held in Council Chambers at 423 Davies Avenue in Salmo, B.C. on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

<u>In Person:</u>	Councillor Farrell Segall
Mayor Diana Lockwood	CAO Anne Williams
Councillor Jennifer Endersby	Members of the Public - 0
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie	
Councillor Jacquie Huser	<u>Electronically:</u> 0

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA:**

R1-12-22

Moved and seconded, that the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #12-22 of Tuesday, June 28, 2022 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw #663, 2014* Schedule "B" to include a New Business section, a Bylaw Review & Development section, communication from KBRH Health Foundation, and a Public Question period.

Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:**

NIL

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Lockwood explained her initiative to establish Cooling Centres for extreme hot weather.

R2-12-22

Community  
Development Funds –  
EOC Cooling Centre

Moved and seconded, that Council approve using \$2,000 of the Village of Salmo's portion of the 2022 Community Development Funds towards cooling centre supplies in the case of an emergency.

Carried.

**MINUTES:** (Note: See official minutes and agenda package for copies of applicable reports.)

R3-12-22

Regular Meeting  
June 14, 2022

Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of Regular Meeting #11-22 of Tuesday, June 14, 2022 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

**REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS:** NIL

**REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:** NIL

**BYLAW REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT:**

R4-12-22

Fireworks Bylaw #515,  
2003

Moved and seconded, that whereas the "*Village of Salmo Fireworks Bylaw #515, 2003*" requires that "no person shall set off fireworks within the Village limits without the express permission of the Council"; let it be resolved:

that Council give permission in writing to the Fire Department to set off fireworks within the Village limits on July 1, 2022 for the Canada Day Celebration.

Carried. 4-1  
Councillor Segall opposed.

Staff will look into pricing for noiseless fireworks.

R5-12-22  
Traffic Bylaw #660,  
2014

Moved and seconded, that Council provide permission for the closure of the roads specified in the parade permit application on July 1, 2022 for the Canada Day parade as per section 18 (1) of the Village of Salmo "*Traffic Bylaw No. 660, 2014*".

Carried.

R6-12-22  
Inter-Community  
Business Licence Bylaw  
Amendment #743, 2022

Moved and seconded, that the "*Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw Amendment #743, 2022*" be given first reading.

Tabled.

Staff will clarify the definitions and license types.

Zoning Bylaw

Council will hold a COTW at 6:00 pm on July 12<sup>th</sup> before the Regular meeting to review version 7 of the Zoning Bylaw.

**OPERATIONAL REPORTS:**

R7-12-22  
Civic Works

Moved and seconded, Council receive for information the written report provided by Civic Works Foreman Fred Paton for the period of May 20, 2022 to June 23, 2022. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R8-12-22  
Fire Department

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report dated June 1, 2022 provided by Fire Chief David Hearn for the period of May 2022. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

Bylaw Enforcement

NIL

R9-12-22  
Administration

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report as presented by CAO Williams. (see *Appendix A*).

Carried.

Strategic Plan

NIL

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

R10-12-22  
Accounts Payable

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from June 10, 2022 to June 23, 2022 totaling \$82,147.88.

Carried.

R11-12-22  
Treasurer’s Report

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the Treasurers report for May 2022.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION:**

R12-12-22  
Stand.Earth Re: Motion  
at UBCM - #47

Moved and seconded, that Council support the motion “Protecting B.C.’s Coasts from Acidic Washwater Dumping” at the upcoming UBCM convention in September.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

R13-12-22

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

- (1) Ministry of Agriculture and Food Re: Amendments to the Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation - #46
- (2) Corporation of the City of New Westminster Re: Library Funding UBCM Resolution - #48
- (3) KBRH Health Foundation Re: Thank You for Donation Through Columbia Basin Trust - #49

Carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES:**

Councillor Endersby

Councillor Endersby attended the EOC planning meeting re community “pods” etc.

She noted that the new Phyllis Tatum Reading Garden is quite beautiful.

Councillor Heatlie

Nothing to report.

Councillor Huser

See *Appendix B*.

Councillor Segall

Nothing to report.

Mayor Lockwood

See *Appendix B*.

Council discussed the Canada Day parade.

R14-12-22

Moved and seconded, that the verbal and written reports of Mayor and Council be received for information.

Verbal & Written  
Reports of Mayor &  
Council

Carried.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:** NIL

**IN CAMERA RESOLUTION:**

R15-12-22                      Moved and seconded, the meeting be closed to the public under  
Sections 90(1)(e) of the *Community Charter*.

Carried.

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING:** Council reopened the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**                      Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

R16-12-22

Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

Originally Signed By:

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Diana Lockwood  
Mayor

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Anne Williams  
Chief Administrative Officer

# APPENDIX A



## Civic Works Foreman Report Period May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022– June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Regular Council Meeting #12-22

### Equipment Repairs & Maintenance

#### Trackless (2012)

- Repaired a bracket and a vacuum line.
- Repaired brakes.
- Repaired fuel line.

#### Dump Truck

- Changed oil.
- Greased machine.

#### Excavator

- Changed oil.
- Greased machine.

#### Misc. Equipment

- Removed conveyor chain in sander.
- Repaired pulley & belt on mower deck.
- Cleaned air filters on all vehicles.
- Completed maintenance schedules for all vehicles.
- Regularly sanitized machines & equipment per COVID-19 protocols.

### Waste Water

- Completed daily checks & tests. (W)
- Pumped out underground chamber. (W)
- Cleaned lift station. (W)
- Cleaned the sludge pipe. (W)
- Cleaned and cleared RAS chamber. (W)
- Wasted the RAS daily. (W)
- Cleaned RAS box. (W)
- Cleaned skid exterior and deck.
- Cleaned screen from screen room. (W)
- Cleaned the aerators.
- Put Actizyme in lift station weekly.
- Removed solids from reaction chamber. (W)
- Cleaned channel.
- Scraped RI basins.
- Ran generator and did maintenance checks.
- Fueled generator.
- Ran tests and exercise trans switch at WWTP.
- Unclogged the pipes coming out of the splitter.
- Checked manhole for plugging issues. (W)
- Mowed and weedwhacked around WWTP.
- General cleanup around WWTP. (W)
- Repaired and prepped sewer line at Recycle building for upcoming construction.
- Co-ordinated, worked with and followed up with contractors on projects including:
  - Blower & Diffuser for Racetracks
  - Drycake
  - Aerators
  - Clarifier
  - SCADA
- Ran the skid for the WWTP. (W)
- Ran the press for the WWTP. (W)
- Cleaned headworks screen. (W)
- Cleaned headworks sludge press. (W)
- Emptied waste bin and relined. (W)
- Flushed out effluent manhole. (W)
- Cleaned and filled poly tank. (W)
- Cleaned effluent and splitter box. (W)
- Pulled effluent pump to clear impellers of debris.
- Cleaned both weirs. (W)
- Cleaned out collection trough. (W)
- Dumped hopper.
- Cleaned the reactor portion of the poly and sludge tank. (W)
- Switched RI Basins.
- DO Monitoring of second racetrack. (W)
- Greased sludge press. (W)
- Drained compressor. (W)
- Cleaned sludge building floors & walls. (W)
- Cleaned dosage pump valves. (W)
- Cleaned reactor chamber. (W)
- Checked generator batteries. (W)
- Worked on report for MOE inspection.

<sup>1</sup> (W) = Weekend – if a daily activity, it is now being done 7 days a week.

### Water

- Routine weekly samples are being sent in and have all come back well within parameters.
- Completed 5 BC One calls.
- Completed 1 water shut offs/turn-ons.
- Completed 1 curb stop repair.
- Completed hydrant flushing.
- Completed dead end blow offs.
- Daily recording of lift numbers at wells. (W)
- Completed monthly maintenance checks on wells.
- Completed monthly generator maintenance. (W)
- Worked on costing of 4 new water line installs.
- Completed 1 water curb shut off locate.
- Removed generator for Glendale well and moved to new location.
- Co-ordinated, worked with and followed up with contractors on projects including:
  - Reservoir Power Supply
  - Reservoir PLC
  - Hydrant Diffuser

### Village Maintenance

- Mowed and weed wacked various locations around town including office, firehall, tennis courts, radio station, cemetery, and entrances to town.
- Boulevard maintenance.
- Placed grass seed on Village green spaces.
- Pulled weeds from Wellness Centre gardens.
- Put soil in flowerpots around town.
- Removed garbage from community cans.
- Installed 6 headstones at the cemetery.
- Completed 1 Interment.
- Repaired sign at Cemetery.
- Cleaned out catch basins.
- Connected hoses to fill swimming pool.
- Removed tree from Main Street.
- Filled potholes in alley behind car wash.
- Completed annual sidewalk inspection reports.
- Completed annual paving inspection reports.
- General Civic Works shop maintenance and cleanup. (W)
- Refilled doggi-pot bags as needed.
- Picked up supplies from Castlegar.
- Dropped off recycling.
- Ran test on all back-up generators.
- Repaired street signs.
- Pothole patching.
- Hauled sand and sandbags to KP for residents.
- Monitored rivers levels.
- Met with RDCK regarding flooding preparations.
- Placed sand and sandbags for residents at lift station.
- Planning and preparation for upcoming July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations.
- Cleaned bus stop and washed windows.
- Open power boxes for special events at KP Park.

### Parks & Campground

- Daily cleaning of KP Washrooms.
- Dragged ball infields.
- Mowed ball fields.
- Repaired backstop at Lion's Park.
- Painted over graffiti at KP ballfield dugout.
- Filled potholes in Lion's Park parking lot.
- Repaired picnic tables in campground sites.
- Repaired bench at KP Park.
- Repaired and painted bleachers.
- Trimmed tree branches at KP Park.
- Planted the donated tree at Lion's Park.
- Maintenance done on bike ramps of KP Bike Park and repaired bike track sign.
- Cleaned out Bingo booth.
- Repaired hooks on swings.
- Turned water on at Railway Garden Park.

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**Civic Works Administration**

- Records management.
- Prepared and collected daily staff reports.
- Prepared Civic Works report for Council.
- Gathered information for CAO.
- Updated services cards.
- Updated daily tracking in excel spreadsheets.
- Tendered annual paving patch work.
- Tendered annual sidewalk repairs work.
- Tendered upcoming culvert maintenance.

**Community Appearance**

- 2 Incidents of minor vandalism since last report. Both have been attended to.
  - KP Washroom June 17, 2022
  - KP Park Flagpole May 30, 2022

Originally Signed by: Fred Paton

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Fred Paton  
Civic Works Foreman

UPCOMING EVENTS
Salmo Days Celebrations – July 1-3, 2022

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## Fire Chief's Report: June 01, 2022

Regular Council Meeting #12-22

Since the last report on May 1st, 2022 the Salmo Fire Department responded to 5 calls:

3 Jaws                      1 Report of smoke                      1 Commercial fire alarm

### DESCRIPTION

Members of the Salmo Fire Department had a fairly quiet month in May. Only one of our calls was very serious in nature. Our one serious call involved a motorcycle versus car in the very early morning hours. The people in the car were relatively unhurt, but the person on the motorcycle received some fairly severe injuries. There ended up being several ambulances at the scene. Traffic had to be detained for a short while, which inconvenienced a few drivers trying to get to work in Trail and Castlegar.

### Misc.

New lighting was installed in our fire hall. The new lighting makes a huge difference in the look and feel of the building.

Preparation for the wildland season continues. Members have checked out the various sites that we have identified as spots for us to draft water from, even in the driest of summer conditions. These drafting spots can change from year to year, due to a change in the river flow. So we regularly check out our usual spots and keep our eyes open for new areas. Several other areas have been identified as good drafting spots for the spring and early summer, but these spots are not dependable, as they often dry up and are unusable during the mid to late summer.

We have been in further contact with the Ymir Fire Department about getting together to do some mutual training and to find out how the other department operates.

We were prepared for possible flooding this year, but we are hoping that the flood forecasts continue to be wrong. Crews are ready to monitor the river levels on an hourly basis if required. We have remained in contact with the village foreman and the RDCK about planning and predictions.

*Originally Signed By:*

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David Hearn, Fire Chief

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## The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORTING PERIOD: May 21 to June 22, 2022

SUBMITTED BY: Anne Williams, Chief Administrative Officer

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#### 1) Grants:

- a. **Mining Equipment Project** – Project has resumed now with completion (hopefully) by June 30, 2022 in time for Canada Day.
- b. **Asset Management Grants:** Looking for advice from UBCM as to what to put in RFQ for consultant.

#### 2) Zoning (Land-Use) Bylaw: Review of Council feedback complete. Version 7, in tracked-changes, has been circulated to Council for review along with discussion points.

#### 3) Bylaw Enforcement & Building Inspection:

I continue to work with staff, the Building Inspector and the Bylaw Enforcement Officer to address issues with property owners regarding building structures that don't comply with the Village's bylaws, particularly unsightly premises.

The Village's newest Building Inspector from the RDCK began working for Salmo effective the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### 4) Shop Roof Repair:

The roof trusses have now been repaired and we are now waiting on the roof repair.

#### 5) Dike Management & Flood Preparedness:

Sand and sandbags are available to villagers at the lift station. At this time, the end of the Spring freshet has been moved to mid-July. While there is still a possibility of flooding, it is less likely to happen here than in other areas of the province. Civic Works, the Fire Department and the RDCK's EOC remain vigilant regarding flooding.

#### 6) Canada Day:

A Parade Marshall has finally been found, fireworks ordered, and other events are being planned by their organizers. Alana Lins is doing a fantastic job coordinating the overall day.

#### 7) Cooling Centres:

Working with the Mayor and community representatives from SVYCC, the Villas, the Estates, the Legion and Ymir, to set up cooling centres for residents for when we have excessive heat over 35°C. Representatives from these organizations are looking at what staffing needs are required (either volunteer or paid), how many people could their facility host if needed and what kinds of entertainment can be provided to people while they are there, e.g. - cards or other games, TV, movies, etc.

#### 8) Staffing:

The hunt for a new CAO continues. First round interviews are scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## APPENDIX B



### THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO REPORT FROM COUNCIL

#### COUNCILLOR HUSER

Council Report for Council Meeting held on June 28, 2022.

#### PORTFOLIOS

**Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre:** the 2022 meetings are on: June 28, Sept 27 (AGM).

**Parks:** Nothing to report.

**Cemetery Working Group:** Once the contractor has been awarded the job and the plaque area sizing is finalized the working group will meet to determine the best plaque sizes and the memorial bench prices. Hopeful to meet in early July.

**Civic Works:** Nothing to report.

**Bylaw & Policy Review:** Zoning Bylaw – looking forward to the COTW for a full review.

**RDCK Alternate Director:** I attended the morning part of the RDCK meeting virtually on June 16, 2022, just to keep in the loop, not as the Alternate Director.

**Community Engagement:** Nothing to report.

#### OTHER MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES OF NOTE

**June 24, 2022 – Compassion in Action Conference Day 1 – Grand Forks:** I attended an in person conference to learn from experts and local workers about the overdose crisis and substance use, local social services and treatment, reducing stigma and compassionate healthcare practices. Speakers on Friday were Leslie McBain, co-founder of the group Moms Stop the Harm, JJ Verigin, Mayor Brian Taylor, Tanis Carson-Ankors. I was unable to attend on Saturday – one of the moms was notified at the Conference that her son has died due to the toxic drug supply, the conference morning program was replaced by a healing circle and prayers.

**June 25, 2022 – Support Don't Punish Webinar –** Speakers were: Lucien Broste is a person with lived experience in the foster care system, problematic drug use, and incarceration; Willamena (Willi) McCorriston, MSTH Board Member, SK As the mother of a daughter who became justice-involved because of her substance use disorder; Marie Agioritis, Saskatoon, SK, MSTH Vice Chair, SK. Marie lost her son Kelly to a Fentanyl overdose in January of 2015; Michelle Cleary-Haire, MSTH Board Member NL., knows that successful students become successful adults; Dr. Jamie Livingston is a criminologist who studies and teaches about issues of social inclusion and social justice for people with mental health and substance use issues. Very informative.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Jacquie Huser



## **THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO** **REPORT FROM MAYOR/RDCK DIRECTOR LOCKWOOD**

Mayor/Director's Report for Council Meeting held on June 28, 2022.

### **EXTERNAL AGENCIES:**

**Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness:** Community members within Salmo and Area G discussed cooling centres and what places we would be able to access for the community's vulnerable and senior populations within this area. With support of Council, we would use Community Development monies. The forecast for the Kootenays is very high for extreme heat this summer. Extreme heat means the heat is over 35 degrees for more than three days in a row. The most vulnerable times are 2-7pm and this is when people would need support.

**Alternate – Ktunaxa Kinbasket Local Government Treaty:**

### **PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:**

**Citizen Engagement:** I am having conversations with citizens about being ready for any kind of emergency. Having a bag packed and at the front door, knowing who can help you if needed or where you can phone for directions and where to get help.

**Economic Development:**

**Fire Department:** The fire department along with Civic Works are watching Erie Creek and the Salmo River at six different spots as we head into summer.

### **RDCK:**

**Board:** The RDCK is entering into a licensing agreement with Strong Data Automation which will include a license plate reader functionality for a three-year term with two possible one-year extensions at a cost of \$57,550.00. Licence plates are not classified as personal data so it is data that can be collected.

There was discussion about how to make communities FireSmart and the difficulties encountered accessing money for in-forest FireSmart work when it is all private that surrounds communities. Only work on Crown Land is eligible for grant funding.

There were new planning procedures and fees adopted at the June meeting and I urge you to visit the RDCK website to review Bylaw No. 2457.

The Statement of Financial Report has not been released yet due to the backlog and reduced staff at the auditors.

Community Development Funding awarded:

- Salmo Ski Club for lodge retrofit \$7,000.00
- Village of Salmo for Tennis/Basketball/Pickleball court upgrades \$21,000.00
- Village of Salmo for Salmo Pool Upgrades \$17,000.00

Article from the RDCK – Organic Waste Conversion Program

June 17, 2022

## Organics waste diversion program to launch in RDCK

Multi-phase approach focused on reducing food waste in landfills

By Dan Elliott, RDCK Communications Coordinator

On June 21, 2022 the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will officially open its new composting facility at the Creston Landfill to support the implementation of a curbside organics collection program in the Town of Creston, the first community in the RDCK to offer this service. This is the first step in a multi-phase approach to implementing a RDCK wide organic waste diversion strategy focused on the removal of food waste from landfills.

Within BC, residential organic waste makes up approximately 35% of material sent to landfills. In the quest for zero waste, the RDCK's new program will help to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, save landfill capacity and reduce leachate impacts. Leachate is the contaminated liquid running through a solid waste disposal site and it is difficult and expensive to manage.

Development of an organics diversion program started in 2017 as part of the RDCK's Resource Recovery Plan. The RDCK has since received two grants, totaling over \$3.7 million to kick start the program. In 2019, the RDCK received the Organics Infrastructure Program Grant, jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments, which covers two-thirds of the eligible costs of design and construction of composting facilities in both Creston and Salmo. Two years later, the RDCK received a CleanBC Organics Infrastructure and Collection Program Grant to contribute two-thirds of eligible costs for establishing curbside collection of organic waste in Castlegar, Creston, and for a new curbside service under consideration for higher-density rural areas. The RDCK was also successful in securing up to \$536,455 from the Columbia Basin Trust Climate Resiliency Program to assist with education and communication for the organics diversion program and for bear-proofing measures, such as bear-resistant lids for rural communities should a new curbside service proceed.

"Over the past five years, the RDCK and our partners have put a lot of effort into getting to this point," said Amy Wilson, RDCK Resource Recovery Manager. "We are beyond excited to be launching the first phase of our regional composting program. Annually, the compost facilities in Creston and eventually Salmo are expected to divert over 2,000 tonnes of organic waste from entering the landfill, resulting in big wins towards meeting our climate action goals."

"The Regional District of Central Kootenay has a broad plan to encourage composting throughout the district, and we congratulate it on realizing this important milestone," said Katie Kendall, Special Initiatives Manager at Columbia Basin Trust. "People in the Columbia Basin have expressed deep concern over climate change, and diverting food waste from landfills, in a bear-safe way, will result in lower greenhouse gas emissions and help communities become more climate-resilient."

"Thinking back almost 25 years ago when I was a citizen representative on our Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee for waste management, we realized the Creston landfill site had a very limited life span unless

significant shifts in operations and practices were made," said Garry Jackman, RDCK Electoral Area A Director. "Through the actions of our staff and our regional Board we have seen better separation of construction waste, increased yard and garden waste diversion, improved recycling practices and better overall landfill management including fugitive methane gas capture. Organics diversion and composting is just the next step in the logical process to reduce our impact on the environment and maintain the most cost effective, efficient operation of the site over the long term."

While the Creston Composting Facility opens this month, construction of the Central Composting Facility near Salmo started in early May and is scheduled to be finished by October. Once operational, this facility will accept organic material from Castlegar, commercial sources, and the greater Trail areas of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. Additionally, the RDCK is working with the City of Nelson to obtain diversion of organics from their municipal waste stream resulting in equivalent GHG reductions.

Both facilities will feature basic forced aeration composting technology. Collected organic waste will be received at both facilities in large mixing buildings. To maintain proper nutrient ratios, food waste will be combined with clean wood and yard and garden waste in a specialized mixing unit. Once mixed, the material will be transported to aerated windrows. Windrows are linear piles of organic waste and the aeration process uses fans connected to perforated pipes located underneath these piles. This system maintains oxygen and temperature levels, which promotes active decomposition, limits odour generation, and prevents the piles from producing methane through anaerobic (low-oxygen) decomposition. The entire process takes approximately 12 weeks from start to finish, depending on the season, and will produce a safe, high-quality product that can be used anywhere, including home gardens.

"The composting technology being used for the regional program is cost effective and results in significant environmental benefit for everyone in the region," said Wilson. "Additionally it can compost a significantly wider range of organic waste than backyard composting and many other home based options and generates a valuable resource that can be used for any soil improvement application."

In combination with the two processing facilities, the RDCK is also upgrading both the Ootischenia Landfill and Grohman Narrows (Nelson) transfer areas to accept organic waste. Ootischenia will start accepting material once the Central Composting Facility is completed, while Grohman Narrows may be operational by the early fall. These transfer facilities will offer services to commercial haulers and allow businesses and residents to come drop it off themselves at a reduced fee compared to garbage.

"Almost half the organic waste landfilled is generated by the commercial sector," said Wilson. "The RDCK will be engaging with commercial haulers, institutions, and business to develop plans for incorporating organics diversion into their waste management programs."

The RDCK's initial focus is on larger municipalities and areas within a close proximity to organics infrastructure, but in the future, the RDCK will support municipalities interested in establishing their own organic waste management solutions. This summer, the RDCK will begin the next phase of the organic waste diversion program, looking at a rural curbside collection program and seeking market information from haulers on collection costs for rural areas, which will inform an in-depth community consultation on the program in early 2023. Later in 2022, the RDCK will also be developing a preliminary design for an organics processing facility in Nakusp, and will be looking for future grant funding opportunities for that potential project.

For further information, please contact: Dan Elliott Communications Coordinator Regional District of Central Kootenay Tel: 250.352.1531 Email: delliot@rdck.bc.ca

**Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee:** Concerns about the environmental impacts of electric car batteries was discussed. When we are finding ways to reduce GHG's we need to look at where a product is coming from and that are we looking at it in a global situation such as how items are mined to retrieve them from the earth and then what is the whole process to recycle those items.

**All Recreation:** Next meeting June 29, 2022

**Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission:** Next meeting September 19, 2022

**West Kootenay Transit Committee:** Next meeting June 30, 2022

**West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District:** Next meeting June 22, 2022

**ETSI-BC:** We had a Joint Regional Advisory Committee meeting with the Thompson Okanagan region to vote on all the projects brought forward. We only have 13 members on our RAC and I am happy to say that we had 8 members present while the TO RAC has 41 members and only 5 of their members were present. The recommendations will go to the Board for approval On June 24, 2022.

**Other Meetings of Note:**

**Salmo and Area G Preparedness:** TBA

**Mayor's and Chairs Highway 3 Coalition:** TBA

**Southeast Regional Meetings:** Next time we meet with any Ministers will be at UBCM in September and I have asked for a meeting about Dike response and MLA Anderson will be in attendance if I get the meeting granted.

**IHA Mayor's and Chairs regional meeting:** TBA

**FCM:** I attended –

- (a) Municipal Funding. It evolved around unions although they did speak about having strong public services. Education around how municipalities will be vital to economic recovery. They spoke about how under-funding services can make life more difficult for vulnerable and marginalized residents.
- (b) Using consumer spending to drive recovery.
- (c) Work-life balance of an elected official.
- (d) How Indigenous and municipality relationships are driving reconciliation.
- (e) The AGM and ratification for the resolutions put forward.
- (f) To end the conference, we got to hear a non-political keynote about AKOR Expedition. From March to October 2021, Nicolas Roulx and Guillaume Moreau completed the longest-ever *north-to-south* human-powered crossing of Canada. From the high Arctic to southern Ontario—via Saskatchewan, it took 234 days to cover the 7,600 km by ski, canoe, and bike, covering 19 percent of the planet's circumference. That's the equivalent of 180 marathons. They spoke about resilience and what that meant to them. It is an exceptional story.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mayor/Director Lockwood**