

**MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY  
GOVERNANCE & REGIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICE IN CRANBROOK BC ON  
JANUARY 10, 2019**

**PRESENT**

Chair Rob Gay	Electoral Area C
Director Mike Sosnowski	Electoral Area A
Director Stan Doehle	Electoral Area B
Director Jane Walter	Electoral Area E
Director Susan Clovechok	Electoral Area F
Director Gerry Wilkie	Electoral Area G
Director Lee Pratt	City of Cranbrook
Director Wesly Graham	City of Cranbrook
Director Ange Qualizza	City of Fernie
Director Don McCormick	City of Kimberley
Director Dean McKerracher	District of Elkford
Director Allen Miller	District of Invermere
Director David Wilks	District of Sparwood
Director Karl Sterzer	Village of Canal Flats
Director Clara Reinhardt	Village of Radium Hot Springs

**STAFF**

Shawn Tomlin	Chief Administrative Officer
Shannon Moskal	Corporate Officer
Connie Thom	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Chair Rob Gay called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda	MOVED by Director McKerracher SECONDED by Director Sterzer
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THAT the agenda for the Governance & Regional Services Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

**DISCUSSION**

Health Care &  
Wildlife Issues

**Tom Shypitka**, MLA Kootenay East, and **Doug Clovechok**, MLA Columbia River-Revelstoke, spoke to each of the listed topics and listened to concerns expressed by Directors.

1. Health Care – challenges with transferring patients to Alberta
  - Establishing priority criterion for critical health care in border communities.
  - Billing and payment issues.
  - Travel challenges for patients.
  - Inter-Provincial linking of ehealth records.
  - Expanding medical services in Cranbrook to reduce the need for travel.
2. Wildlife
  - Possible offsetting of hunting seasons.
  - Decline in ungulate population.
  - High grizzly bear population in region 4.
  - High wolf populations in West and East Kootenay.
  - Ungulate hunting closure vs a predator management program.
  - Yahk drainage Caribou herd.

Director Lee Pratt arrived to the meeting at 1:06 pm.

Director Wesly Graham arrived to the meeting at 1:13 pm.

The meeting recessed at 1:31 pm and reconvened at 4:11 pm.

## ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Minutes  
MOVED by Director Sterzer  
SECONDED by Director Qualizza

THAT the Minutes of the Governance & Regional Services Committee meeting held on December 6, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Director Dean McKerracher arrived to the meeting at 4:12 pm.

## DELEGATIONS

**Sharlynn Hill** and **Ramaish Shah**, BC Assessment, provided an overview of the structure and purpose of the BC Assessment Authority. Mr. Shah explained the process for evaluations and appeals of the Assessment Roll and stated that their website allows the public to search, check and compare properties online from across the province.

Director Don McCormick arrived to the meeting at 4:20 pm.

**Norm McInnis**, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Fernie, requested the Board provide a contribution toward the replacement of the refrigeration system and related plumbing and electrical repairs at the Fernie Memorial Arena.

Elizabeth Ahlgren had withdrawn as a delegation.

**Lee-Ann Crane**, provided information to the Board on the Future is Bright Scholarship program. Ms. Crane noted that the scholarship program is for RDEK staff children between 17 – 19 years of age.

## NEW BUSINESS

48232  
Fernie Memorial Arena  
Refrigeration System  
MOVED by Director Sosnowski  
SECONDED by Director Doehle

THAT the provision of a grant of \$100,000 to the City of Fernie for the replacement of the refrigeration system at the Fernie Memorial Arena from the Electoral Area A portion of the Elk Valley Tax Sharing Funds be referred to the Area A Electoral Area Advisory Commission for comment.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Wilks

48233  
Fernie Memorial Arena  
Refrigeration System  
MOVED by Director Sosnowski  
SECONDED by Director Doehle

THAT a Community Works Fund grant of \$100,000 be provided to the City of Fernie for the replacement of the refrigeration system at the Fernie Memorial Arena;

and further, that the grant be included in the 2019 Financial Plan.

CARRIED

48234  
Cheque Register  
MOVED by Director Sterzer  
SECONDED by Director Graham

THAT the cheque register for the RDEK General Account for December 2018 in the amount of \$2,305,297.01 be approved as paid.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

48235  
JoeAnna's House  
Operational Funding

MOVED by Director Sosnowski  
SECONDED by Director Graham

THAT staff work with JoeAnna's House to determine options for priority access if operational funding is provided.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director McKerracher

48236  
Regional Travel  
Assistance Program

MOVED by Director Miller  
SECONDED by Director Qualizza

THAT a report be prepared detailing the organizations that provide financial assistance to East Kootenay residents needing to travel out of the region for medical services.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director McKerracher  
Director Wilks

48237  
Markin-MacPhail  
Westside Legacy Trail

MOVED by Director Clovechok  
SECONDED by Director Sterzer

THAT the request from Columbia Valley Greenways Trail Alliance to partner on a second BikeBC grant application for the Markin-MacPhail Westside Legacy Trail be approved and, if the application is successful, the CAO be authorized to enter into a new construction agreement with the Columbia Valley Greenways Trail Alliance.

CARRIED

**BYLAWS**

48238  
Bylaw 2904  
Introduction

MOVED by Director Reinhardt  
SECONDED by Director Wilkie

THAT Bylaw No. 2904 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Local Service (Public Library Service Grants-in-Aid) Area Establishment Bylaw, 1990 – Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2019" be introduced.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn to Closed

MOVED by Director Sosnowski  
SECONDED by Director Wilks

THAT the meeting adjourn to a Closed Governance & Regional Services Committee meeting to consider the following matter:

Recycling Contract with South Sky Recycling – Section 90(1)(j) of the *Community Charter* – information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned to closed at 5:49 pm.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT**

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Chair Rob C. Gay

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Shannon Moskal, Corporate Officer