

**MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY
GOVERNANCE & REGIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICE IN CRANBROOK BC ON
MARCH 7, 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
Alternate Director Ron Popoff	City of Cranbrook
Alternate Director Norma Blissett	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

ABSENT

Director Lee Pratt	City of Cranbrook
Director Wesly Graham	City of Cranbrook

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 1:03 pm.

ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS

Late Item	MOVED by Director Wilks SECONDED by Director Walter
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THAT the following late item be approved:

- Letter to Province re: Search and Rescue Funding
- CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Wayne Stetski, MP Kootenay-Columbia, 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.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (continued)

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 Ange Qualizza left the meeting at 1:29 pm and returned to the meeting at 1:31 pm.

Dale Muir, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Ltd., reviewed the Elk River Floodplain mapping survey report noting the objective of the report is to reduce flood risk. Mr. Muir reviewed the survey results and provided examples of flood risk reduction mitigation measures.

Director McKerracher left the meeting at 1:50 pm.

DELEGATIONS

Rick Jensen and **Johnny Strilaeff**, Columbia Basin Trust, reviewed the Trust's five-year management plan. Mr. Strilaeff highlighted new programs that are being offered and programs that are coming soon.

The meeting recessed at 2:15 pm and reconvened at 2:31 pm.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Minutes	MOVED by Director Sterzer SECONDED by Director Doehle
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THAT the Minutes of the Governance & Regional Services Committee meeting held on February 7, 2019 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

48355 Cheque Register	MOVED by Director Wilks SECONDED by Director Reinhardt
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THAT the cheque register for the RDEK General Account for February 2019 in the amount of \$2,050,675.92 be approved as paid.
CARRIED

The Committee discussed the Elk River Floodplain Mapping and Flood Mitigation Reports.

48356 SWMP Committee Terms of Reference	MOVED by Director Reinhardt SECONDED by Director Qualizza
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THAT the Terms of Reference for the Solid Waste Management Plan Review Committee be amended by adding the sections outlined in the March 5, 2019 report from the CAO.
CARRIED

The Committee reviewed changes to the Five-Year Financial Plan as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

Director Dean McKerracher returned to the meeting at 2:59 pm.

BYLAWS

48357
Bylaw 2916
Introduction

MOVED by Director Reinhardt
SECONDED by Director Sosnowski

THAT Bylaw No. 2916 cited as “Regional District of East Kootenay – 2019 – 2023 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2916, 2019” be introduced.
CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

48358
Search & Rescue
Funding

MOVED by Director Wilks
SECONDED by Director Sosnowski

THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Public Safety and the Minister of Finance requesting that the Province of BC provide stable funding for Search and Rescue units throughout the Province.
CARRIED

48359
Search & Rescue
Funding

MOVED by Director Qualizza
SECONDED by Director McKerracher

THAT the following resolution be submitted to the 2019 AKBLG Convention:
WHEREAS Search and Rescue volunteers provide valuable service in support of police forces, the BC Ambulance Service, the Coroners Service, and the local governments in the province, and the costs associated with providing the necessary training, equipment and facilities is increasing;
AND WHEREAS Search and Rescue groups rely on grants and other time consuming, short term and unpredictable funding sources which do not provide financial security or allow long term strategic operational planning;
AND WHEREAS the Province has supported Search and Rescue groups with a series of one year grants for the last three years, there is no provision in the 2019 budget for any further financial support for Search and Rescue groups;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the Province to implement a consistent and sustainable funding model for Search and Rescue groups to allow them to better provide efficient and effective search and rescue operations.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair Rob C. Gay

Shannon Moskal, Corporate Officer