

RDEK Board Highlights

January 2024

CRANBROOK REUSE SHED TO BE CLOSED

Due to ongoing break-ins, vandalism and inappropriate activity, the RDEK will be temporarily closing the Reuse Centre at the Cranbrook Transfer Station for six months in an attempt to remove one of the key attractants on site.

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COLUMBIA VALLEY LOCAL CONSERVATION FUND 2024 PROJECTS APPROVED

The following projects have been approved for funding under the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund for 2024:

- Conservation of Biodiversity in the Columbia Valley - \$20,000
- Larsen Lake Range Fencing Project - \$22,940
- Enhancing Bat Habitat and Monitoring Populations in the Columbia Valley - \$25,334
- Reimagining the Ties that Bind Wildlife Conservation to Farming - \$8,000
- Creation and Protection of Anthropogenic Bat Habitat in the Columbia Valley - \$13,640
- Columbia Lake Bighorn Sheep Population and Habitat Project - \$12,984
- Badger Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - \$12,000

The following projects have also been approved for multi-year funding for 2024:

- Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge - \$7,200 (Year 3 of 3)
- Columbia Headwaters Monitoring and Education - Columbia Lake - \$15,000 (Year 1 of 2)

The Conservation Fund is managed on behalf of the RDEK by the Kootenay Conservation Fund. Learn more at:

<https://kootenayconservation.ca/>

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SEEKING FUNDING FOR MOBILE RECEPTION CENTRE PROJECT

A grant application will be submitted to the UBCM under funding stream Community Emergency Preparedness Fund ESS 2024 for up to \$180,000 to fund the East Kootenay Emergency Support Services Mobile Reception Centre Project. Should funding be received, the RDEK will provide overall grant management for the project.

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PROVINCIAL REFERRAL SOLAR FARM INVESTIGATIVE LICENCE

The Board voted to not support the Provincial referral on a solar farm investigative license for a 5 year term in the Sheep Creek, McGinty Lake, Wasa and Elko areas made by Enterprise Renewables (2017) Ltd. The decision on whether or not to issue the license will be at the discretion of the Province.

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RESOURCE BASED AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE APPLICATIONS

The Board considered two resource based ALR non-farm use application applications. The first application by Teck Coal Ltd for an expansion of the Line Creek operation's coarse coal refuse facility was supported by the Board and will be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission for decision. The second application by Power Paving Ltd. for aggregate extraction and processing over a 25 year period in the Fort Steele area was not supported and will not be forwarded,

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COST DISTRIBUTION FOR NEW RDEK ADMIN BUILDING

Reserve contributions for the new administration building will be funded 50/50 through general administration and electoral area administration.

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CRANBROOK LIBRARY APPOINTMENT

Lee-Ann Crane has been re-appointed to the Cranbrook Public Library Board for the term January 12, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

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DISCRETIONARY GRANTS IN AID (DGIA)

The following Discretionary Grants-in-Aid have been approved:

- Columbia Valley Skating Club - East Kootenay Invitational Competition Support - \$3,000 from the Electoral Area F DGIA account
- East Kootenay Amateur Radio Club Society - Security Enhancement of EKARC Repeater at Lyttle Mountain - \$250 from the Area A DGIA account, \$300 from the Area C DGIA account, \$350 from the Area E DGIA account and \$250 from the Area F DGIA account
- FIRE Fernie Adaptive Snowsports - Volunteer Training - \$2,000 from the Area A DGIA account
- Invermere Film Festival - \$800 from the Area F DGIA account and \$200 from the Area G DGIA account
- Wildsight Invermere - Columbia Lake Bighorn Sheep Population and Habitat - \$1,000 from the Area F DGIA account
- Wilmer Community Club - Wilmer Community Rink - \$5,000 from the Area F DGIA account and \$10,000 from the Area G DGIA account.

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NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

February 7, 2024 RDEK Special Budget Meeting	TBA
February 8, 2024 RDEK Committee Meetings	TBA
February 9, 2024 RDEK Board Meeting Kootenay East Regional Hospital District Meeting	9:00 AM 11:30 AM

To view all the upcoming meetings and notices, visit the [Meetings & Notices page on www.rdek.bc.ca](http://www.rdek.bc.ca)

STR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Short Term Rental Temporary Use Permit Applications under staff delegated and RDEK Board consideration are posted on the [Meetings & Notices](#) page of the RDEK website.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Bylaw Amendments requiring public hearing and those not requiring a public hearing are posted on the [Meetings & Notices](#) page of the RDEK website.