

RDEK BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Five-Year Financial Plan

The Board of Directors has adopted its 2020-2024 Financial Plan. The 2020 operating budget totals \$33,980,391. On average, residential properties in the RDEK will see approximately a \$12 overall increase in their tax levy based on a \$354,000 assessment. Residents of the RDEK will be affected differently, depending on the municipality or electoral area in which they live. Copies of the full plan along with a summary of the budget highlights are available at engage.rdek.bc.ca/budget or by request through the RDEK's Columbia Valley and Cranbrook offices.

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Chief Financial Officer

Columbia Lake Management Plan

The Board has authorized the preparation of a new management plan for Columbia Lake. The existing lake management strategy was created in 1997 and the purpose of the new plan is to update the policy framework for lake and foreshore management to guide RDEK decision-making and recommendations to other levels of government. Jurisdiction over the surface of Columbia Lake is shared with the Village of Canal Flats, and while the RDEK will lead the process, the goal is to produce a plan that will be adopted as policy by both the RDEK and the Village. A presentation will be made to Canal Flats council later in March and the project will officially commence in April.

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Development Services Manager

Windermere Water Upgrades Contract Awarded

The contract for required and optional work for the 2020 Windermere Water Upgrades has been awarded to Marwest Industries Ltd. The upgrades include watermain replacement, services to property lines, and fire hydrant installation in the "downtown" portion of Windermere.

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RDEK, City of Cranbrook Partner on Funding Application

The RDEK and City of Cranbrook will jointly apply for UBCM Poverty Reduction Planning funds. The City will be the primary applicant and, if successful, will manage the grant.

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Board Chair

Funding for Upgrades to Lazy Lake Water Level Control

A Community Works Fund grant of \$20,000 has been approved for the Lazy Lake Water Level Control Diversion Ditch and Culvert Upgrade. The current diversion structure has become inefficient and sections of the piping require replacement.

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Columbia Valley Airport Funding Awarded for 2020

Operational funding of up to \$60,000 has been approved for the Columbia Valley Airport Society in 2020, subject to a number of conditions which must be completed to the RDEK's satisfaction by August 14, including (but not limited to): an AGM being held with audited 2019 financials, election of a new Board and Officers, and a fully costed business plan being prepared.

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Electoral Area F Director

Community Works Funds Approved

The Board has approved Community Works Funds of \$28,000 for Swift Internet Inc.'s Moyie internet upgrade project, and up to \$44,277 for Tough Country Communications' Baynes Lake/Kragmont internet upgrade. Both funding approvals are contingent on the projects meeting the definition of a High Speed Internet Service in the *Local Government Act* and funding being approved through the CRTC Broadband Fund or NDIIT Connecting BC program.

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Funding for Columbia Valley Food and Farm Guide

A grant of up to \$3,500 will be provided to Columbia Valley Food and Farm for publication and distribution of the 2020 Columbia Valley Food and Farm Guide. The funds will come from the Columbia Valley Economic Development Service.

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Discretionary Grants in Aid (DGIA)

The following organizations will receive grants:

- WildSafe BC - Elk Valley will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area A DGIA account and \$500 from the Electoral Area B DGIA account for its 2020 programming.
- WildSafe BC - Cranbrook/Kimberley will receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for its 2020 programming.
- The Cranbrook and District 4H Council Association will receive \$1,000 from each of the DGIA accounts in Electoral Areas A, B and C for its 4H Show and Sale. It will also receive \$1,000 from the Electoral Area A, \$500 from the Electoral Area B, \$500 from the Electoral Area F and \$500 from the Electoral Area G DGIA accounts for its Ag for All Open Show.
- The East Kootenay Volleyball Club will receive \$150 from each of the Electoral Area A, B and E DGIA accounts for its end of season awards banquet.
- The Kimberley Nordic Club will receive \$2,000 from the Electoral Area C DGIA account for its Biathlon Equipment Project.
- The Wardner Community Association will receive \$2,000 for the Steeplesview Reading Centre.

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OTHER MEETINGS

Steamboat Jubilee Mountain OCP Public Meeting

During the meeting, we will review the survey results, draft policies, proposed ESA Development Permits and present mapping for review and comment.

Tuesday, March 24, 7pm – 9pm
Edgewater Community Hall, 4818 Selkirk Ave

The meeting is open to all residents and property owners within the plan area (Edgewater, Wilmer, Brisco, Spillimacheen, Dry Gulch, Radium Resort, Spur Valley).

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday	April 2, 2020
Committee Meetings	TBA
Friday	April 3, 2020
RDEK Board Meeting	9:00 AM

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wednesday March 11, 2020 - 7:00 pm

Baynes Lake Community Hall
468 Jaffray-Baynes Lake Road Baynes Lake, BC

[Bylaw 2972](#) - cited as South Country Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2320, 2011 – Amendment Bylaw No. 21, 2019 (Kooconusa West / Flood, Hopkins & C.D. Reay & Sons Ltd.)

Wednesday March 25, 2020 - 7:00 pm

Baynes Lake Community Hall
468 Jaffray-Baynes Lake Road Baynes Lake, BC

[Bylaw 2973](#) - cited as Lake Kooconusa Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2432, 2013 – Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2019 (Sweetwater / KV Properties Inc.)

[Bylaw 2974](#) - cited as SweetWater Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2127, 2009 – Amendment Bylaw No. 7, 2019 (Sweetwater / KV Properties Inc.)

Wednesday March 25, 2020 - 7:00 pm

Baynes Lake Community Hall
468 Jaffray-Baynes Lake Road Baynes Lake, BC

[Bylaw 2654](#) - cited as SweetWater Zoning and Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 2127, 2009 – Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 2015 (Miscellaneous / RDEK)

Monday, March 30, 2020 - 7:00 pm

Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce
651 Highway 93/95, Invermere BC

[Bylaw 2975](#) - cited as Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 900, 1992 – Amendment Bylaw No. 359, 2020 (Westside / 1129759 Alb Ltd)