MINUTES OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

January 9, 2020
Regional District Office, Cranbrook, BC

PRESENT:	Committee Chair K. Sterzer	Village of Canal Flats
	Board Chair R. Gay	Electoral Area C
	Director S. Clovechok	Electoral Area F
	Director G. Wilkie	Electoral Area G
	Director A. Miller	District of Invermere
	Director C. Reinhardt	Village of Radium Hot Springs
STAFF:	S. Tomlin	Chief Administrative Officer
	S. Moskal	Corporate Officer
	C. Thom	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Call to Order

Committee Chair Karl Sterzer called the meeting to order at 10:45 am.

Addition of Late Items

MOVED by Director Miller
SECONDED by Director Wilkie

THAT the following late item for the agenda be approved:

- Valley Visitor Services

CARRIED

Adoption of the Agenda

MOVED by Director Reinhardt
SECONDED by Director Wilkie

THAT the agenda for the Columbia Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Adoption of the Minutes

December 5, 2019 Meeting

MOVED by Director Reinhardt
SECONDED by Director Wilkie

THAT the Minutes of the Columbia Valley Services Committee meeting held on December 5, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Invited Presentations & Delegations

Plastic Pollution in the Columbia Valley

Stephanie Van de Kemp, expressed her concern with plastic pollution and the impacts it will have on future generations. Ms. Van de Kemp requested support to ban single-use plastic bags in the Columbia Valley.

Columbia Valley Transit Future Service Plan

Chelsea Mosey, Manager, Government Relations, BC Transit, and Melissa Coates, Transit Planning Coordinator, BC Transit, reviewed the Columbia Valley Transit Future Service Plan and shared the public engagement results, which identified the following priorities for expansion: weekend service, increased local Invermere service, and Edgewater and Radium commuter service.

Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce - Transportation Study

Andrea Tubbs, President, Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce, reviewed the results from the Columbia Valley Transit Review and Needs Assessment Study explaining that the survey confirms that the current transit system does not meet the needs of the community and the primary issues include schedule days, times of day, and routes. Ms. Tubbs noted a copy of the report will be provided to BC Transit.

Columbia Lake Recreation Centre

Heather Rennebohm, Columbia Lake Recreation Society, requested that the Regional District of East Kootenay provide an annual grant for the management and operation of the Columbia Lake Recreation Centre.

New Business

Plastic Pollution in the Columbia Valley

MOVED by Director Wilkie
SECONDED by Director Reinhardt

THAT a letter be sent to the Province of British Columbia requesting province-wide business regulations to reduce single-use plastic bags and disposable plastic packaging.

OPPOSED: Director Clovechok, Director Gay, Director Miller, Director Sterzer, and Director Reinhardt

DEFEATED

Columbia Valley Transit Future Service Plan

48906
MOVED by Director Clovechok
SECONDED by Director Reinhardt

THAT the Columbia Valley Transit Future Service Plan and the Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce Transportation Study be referred to the Columbia Valley Transit Advisory Commission for comment.

CARRIED

Columbia Lake Recreation Centre – Funding Request

MOVED by Director Reinhardt
SECONDED by Director Clovechok

THAT the request from the Columbia Lake Recreation Society for funding of the Columbia Lake Recreation Centre be considered during budget deliberations.

CARRIED

Note: On January 10, 2020, the Board adopted Resolution 48907 which amended the above recommendation to include that the Society be requested to provide a statement of revenue and expenditures for the first year of operations and a budget for the next 1-3 years.

Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund Program

48908
MOVED by Director Miller
SECONDED by Director Reinhardt

THAT consideration of the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund Program applications be postponed one month and the Kootenay Conservation Program be requested to present the Technical Review Committee's recommendations at the next Columbia Valley Services Committee meeting.

CARRIED

Late Agenda Items

Valley Visitor Services

The Committee discussed the continued appointment of an elected official to the Columbia Valley Visitor Services Committee.

Adjourn to Closed

MOVED by Director Clovechok
SECONDED by Director Reinhardt

THAT the meeting adjourn to a Closed Columbia Valley Services Committee meeting to consider the following matter:

Invermere Public Library Board Appointments – Section 90(1)(a) of the *Community Charter* personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a position appointed by the RDEK.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned to closed at 12:21 pm.

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Committee Chair Karl Sterzer Shannon Moskal, Corporate Officer