



MINUTES OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

**February 13, 2020
Regional District Office, Cranbrook, BC**

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

MOVED by Director Wilkie

SECONDED by Director Clovechok

THAT Director Clara Reinhardt be appointed as Acting Committee Chair for the February 13, 2020 Columbia Valley Services Committee meeting.

CARRIED

Acting Committee Chair Clara Reinhardt assumed the Chair.

Adoption of the Agenda

MOVED by Director Wilkie

SECONDED by Director Clovechok

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

CARRIED

Adoption of the Minutes

January 9, 2020 Meeting

MOVED by Director Clovechok

SECONDED by Director Wilkie

THAT the Minutes of the Columbia Valley Services Committee meeting held on January 9, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Invited Presentations & Delegations

Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund Program

Juliet Craig, Manager, Kootenay Conservation Program, reviewed the Technical Review Committee's 2020 funding recommendations under the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund Program.

Columbia Valley Airport Society Funding Request

Max Fanderl, explained that the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort will no longer operate and maintain the Columbia Valley Airport and requested interim funding for two-years noting that the interim working group is exploring other funding options. Mr. Fanderl expressed his concerns with the current situation and the need to maintain the Columbia Valley Airport and continue to provide services for public health and safety in rural areas.

Valley Visitor Services Program Year End Report & Funding Request

Jessica Fairhart, Executive Director, Tourism Radium, reviewed the 2019 Valley Visitor Services year end report and asked the Board for a grant of \$100,000 to fund the Valley Visitor Services in 2020.

Lake Windermere Whiteway Funding Request

Duncan Whittick and Cam Gillies, provided a review of the Lake Windermere Whiteway operations from 2016-2020 noting that in 2017 they entered into an agreement with Lake Windermere Ambassadors to have the Ambassadors on the lake to provide information to the public on trail safety. They requested support for continued annual funding of the Whiteway in the amount of \$10,000/year.

Invermere Public Library Funding Request

Anne Rogers, Library Director, presented a review of the services provided by the Invermere Public Library and requested an increase in funding for 2020 explaining that the funding will allow for the library to continue to operate at 48 hours per week as well as be able continue to provide, and possibly expand, additional outreach services to outlying communities such as Edgewater and Canal Flats.

The meeting recessed at 7:35 pm and reconvened at 7:44 pm.

Director Gay left the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Unfinished Business**Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund Program**

Director Gay joined the meeting at 7:51 pm.

48972

MOVED by Director Reinhardt

SECONDED by Director Wilkie

THAT the following projects, totaling \$114,781, be approved for funding under the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund for 2020:

- Lake Windermere Community Based Watershed Monitoring – \$11,296
- Reintroducing the Northern Leopard Frog to Columbia Marshes – \$21,000
- Columbia Valley Swallow – \$10,000
- Columbia Valley Farmland Advantage Stewardship – \$17,985
- Conservation of Biodiversity in the Columbia Wetlands – \$20,000
- Luxor Linkage Resiliency and Forest Restoration – \$15,000
- CLSS Water Quality, Quantity, Education and Communication Work – \$13,000
- Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge – \$6,500

CARRIED

New Business**Valley Visitor Services - Funding Request**

48978

MOVED by Director Clovechok

SECONDED by Alternate Director Taft

THAT a grant of \$100,000 be approved from the Columbia Valley Economic Development Service for the Radium Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce to support the 2020 Valley Visitor Services Program.

CARRIED

Lake Windermere Whiteway - Funding Request

MOVED by Alternate Director Taft

SECONDED by Director Clovechok

THAT the Columbia Valley Recreation Service Funding Policy be amended by increasing the grant provided for the Lake Windermere Whiteway to \$10,000 per year.

OPPOSED: Director Clovechok, and Director Reinhardt

DEFEATED

MOVED by Director Clovechok
SECONDED by Director Wilkie

THAT the annual grant for the Lake Windermere Whiteway from the Columbia Valley Recreation Service remain at \$7,500.

CARRIED

Note: On February 14, 2020, the Board defeated the above recommendation. In accordance with the Columbia Valley Recreation Service Funding Policy, the annual grant for the Lake Windermere Whiteway remains at \$7,500.

Invermere Public Library - Funding Request

MOVED by Alternate Director Taft
SECONDED by Director Wilkie

THAT the 2020 grant from the Library Grants-in-Aid Service for the Invermere Public Library be increased to \$131,885.

OPPOSED: Director Clovechok, and Director Reinhardt

DEFEATED

48984

MOVED by Director Clovechok
SECONDED by Director Reinhardt

THAT the 2020 grant from the Library Grants-in-Aid Service for the Invermere Public Library include a 2% inflationary increase.

CARRIED

Columbia Valley Airport Society - Funding Request

48973

MOVED by Director Clovechok
SECONDED by Director Wilkie

THAT the request from the Columbia Valley Airport Society for operational funding for the Columbia Valley Airport in 2020-2021 be referred to staff for a report on funding options.

CARRIED

Columbia Valley Victim Services - Funding Request

48974

MOVED by Director Clovechok
SECONDED by Director Wilkie

THAT a Discretionary Grant-in-Aid be provided to Family Dynamix for Columbia Valley Victim Services in 2020 and 2021 in the following amounts:

- Electoral Area F - \$11,000
- Electoral Area G - \$5,000

CARRIED

48975

MOVED by Director Clovechok
SECONDED by Director Reinhardt

THAT the request from Family Dynamix to provide annual funding for Columbia Valley Victim Services be forwarded to the next strategic priority planning meeting to consider creation of a Columbia Valley Victim Assistance service.

CARRIED

Draft 2020 - 2024 Financial Plan

Holly Ronnquist, CFO, presented the draft 2020 - 2024 Financial Plan.

Director Gay left the meeting at 8:39 pm.

Invermere Transfer Station - Funding Request

48976

MOVED by Director Clovechok

SECONDED by Alternate Director Taft

THAT a contribution of \$100,000 from the Columbia Valley Solid Waste Service be provided to the District of Invermere for operation of the Invermere Transfer Station in 2020.

CARRIED

Columbia Valley Economic Development

48977

MOVED by Director Clovechok

SECONDED by Alternate Director Taft

THAT "other projects" in the 2020 Columbia Valley Economic Development Service budget be reduced by \$11,312.

CARRIED

Columbia Valley Food and Farm – New Funding Request

48979

MOVED by Alternate Director Taft

SECONDED by Director Clovechok

THAT the request from Columbia Valley Food and Farm for funding to support the publication and distribution of the annual Columbia Valley Food and Farm Guide be referred to the Columbia Valley Community Economic Development Advisory Commission.

CARRIED

Columbia Valley Centre - Funding Request

MOVED by Director Wilkie

SECONDED by Alternate Director Taft

THAT the Columbia Valley Recreation Service Funding Policy be amended as follows:

- under Facilities, delete reference to funding the Multi-Use Arts & Recreation Facility in Invermere in 2015-2019, which is now complete;
- under Facilities add:
 - Facility: Columbia Valley Centre
 - Owner/Tenure Holder: District of Invermere
 - Type of Funding: Capital and Operating
 - Amount/Basis of Funding: \$100,000 per year for 3 years commencing in 2020
 - Funding Conditions:
 - RDEK to have 25% of the seats on the operations committee.
 - All users, user groups, and other stakeholders within the Columbia Valley Recreation Service Area to be treated equally with respect to fees and terms of use.

OPPOSED: Director Clovechok, and Director Reinhardt

DEFEATED

48980

MOVED by Alternate Director Taft

SECONDED by Director Clovechok

THAT the Columbia Valley Recreation Service Funding Policy be amended as follows:

- under Facilities, delete reference to funding the Multi-Use Arts & Recreation Facility in Invermere in 2015-2019, which is now complete;
- under Facilities add:
 - Facility: Columbia Valley Centre
 - Owner/Tenure Holder: District of Invermere
 - Type of Funding: Capital and Operating
 - Amount/Basis of Funding: \$100,000 in 2020

CARRIED

Columbia Lake Recreation Centre - New Funding Request

48983

MOVED by Director Wilkie

SECONDED by Director Clovechok

THAT the Columbia Valley Recreation Service Funding Policy be amended by adding the following to the table of Facilities:

- Facility: Columbia Lake Recreation Centre
- Owner/Tenure Holder: Akisq'nuk First Nation
- Type of Funding: Operating
- Amount/Basis of Funding: \$30,000 in 2020

CARRIED

Radium Public Library - Funding Request

48985

MOVED by Alternate Director Taft

SECONDED by Director Clovechok

THAT the 2020 grant from the Library Grants-in-Aid Service for the Radium Hot Springs Public Library include a 2% inflationary increase.

CARRIED

Bylaws

Bylaw No. 2976 (CVCEDAC) - Introduction

48986

MOVED by Director Clovechok

SECONDED by Director Wilkie

THAT Bylaw No. 2976 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay - Columbia Valley Community Economic Development Advisory Commission Bylaw No. 2757, 2017 - Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2020" be introduced.

CARRIED

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 pm.

A/Committee Chair Clara Reinhardt

Shannon Moskal, Corporate Officer