



MINUTES OF THE GOVERNANCE & REGIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

June 12, 2025
Regional District Office, Cranbrook, BC

PRESENT:	Board Chair R. Gay	Electoral Area C
	Director T. McDonald	Electoral Area A
	Director S. Doehle	Electoral Area B
	Alternate Director L. Downey	Electoral Area F
	Director R. Schnider	Electoral Area G
	Director N. Blissett	City of Cranbrook
	Director N. Milligan	City of Fernie
	Director D. McCormick	City of Kimberley
	Director A. Miller	District of Invermere
	Director S. Fairbairn	District of Elkford
	Director D. Wilks	District of Sparwood
	Director M. Doherty	Village of Canal Flats
	Director M. Gray	Village of Radium Hot Springs
ABSENT:	Director J. Walter	Electoral Area E
	Director S. Clovechok	Electoral Area F
	Director W. Price	City of Cranbrook
STAFF:	S. Tomlin	Chief Administrative Officer
	T. Hlushak	Corporate Officer
	C. Thom	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Call to Order

Chair Rob Gay called the meeting to order at 4:23pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

MOVED by Director Gray
SECONDED by Director Miller

THAT the agenda for the Governance & Regional Services Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

Adoption of the Minutes

May 8, 2025 Meeting

MOVED by Director Miller
SECONDED by Director Milligan

THAT the Minutes of the Governance & Regional Services Committee meeting held on May 8, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Unfinished Business

BC Provincial Nomination Program – Regional Immigration Collaboration

52396

MOVED by Director Milligan
SECONDED by Director Miller

THAT the RDEK enrol as a Community in the BC Provincial Nomination Program – Regional Immigration Collaboration program;

and further, that Kootenay Employment Services and Community Futures East Kootenay be appointed as the Designated Contacts for the role as Community Advisor.

CARRIED

New Business**Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association Convention - Attendance Approval**

52397

MOVED by Director Miller

SECONDED by Director Gray

THAT Chair Rob Gay be authorized to attend the Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association Convention held on September 15 - 17, 2025 in Osoyoos with expenses paid from General Administration.

CARRIED

Cheque Register - May 2025

52398

MOVED by Director Gray

SECONDED by Director Doherty

THAT the cheque register for the RDEK General Account for May 2025 in the amount of \$2,722,799.95 be approved as paid.

CARRIED

Public Notice Policy – Two-Year Review

52399

MOVED by Director Milligan

SECONDED by Director Miller

THAT the Board is satisfied that the methods of providing additional public notice referenced in the Public Notice Policy continue to meet section 2 of the Public Notice Regulation 52/2022, Principles for Effective Public Notice and remain reliable, suitable and accessible, and are meeting the needs of electoral area constituents.

CARRIED

52400

MOVED by Director Milligan

SECONDED by Director Gray

THAT the Supplemental Public Notice Policy be amended with the following changes:

- Policy title be changed from "Supplemental Public Notice" to "Public Notice Policy";
- All reference to supplemental be replaced with additional; and
- Housekeeping amendments as outlined in the draft policy attached to the May 23, 2025 report from the Corporate Officer.

CARRIED

Special Event License - Wycliffe Exhibition Association - Cranbrook Pro Rodeo

52401

MOVED by Director Doherty

SECONDED by Director Gray

THAT a Special Event Licence be issued to Wycliffe Exhibition Association for the Cranbrook Pro Rodeo to be held at the Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds from August 15 – 17, 2025;

and further, the Special Event is hereby exempt from Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 of Noise Control Regulation Bylaw No. 1396, during the following dates and times:

- August 15, 2025 – 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- August 16, 2025 – 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- August 17, 2025 – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

CARRIED

2025/2026 Resident Directed Grants (ReDi Grants) - Funding Recommendations

52402

MOVED by Director Fairbairn

SECONDED by Director Doherty

THAT the 2025/2026 Resident Directed Grants funding recommendations be approved;

and further, that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign agreements with the successful proponents.

CARRIED

2025/2026 Columbia Valley & Elk Valley Annual Operating Agreement

52403

MOVED by Director Milligan

SECONDED by Director Miller

THAT the Chair and CAO be authorized to sign the 2025/2026 Annual Operating Agreement with BC Transit for operation of the Columbia Valley and Elk Valley Transit services.

CARRIED

Wycliffe Regional Park – Residence and Park Foreman Policy Rescind

52404

MOVED by Director Blissett

SECONDED by Director Milligan

THAT Resolution No. 37575, Wycliffe Regional Park – Residence and Park Forman adopted March 2006 be rescinded.

CARRIED

2025 UBCM Minister Meeting Request – Speaking Notes

52405

MOVED by Director Wilks

SECONDED by Director McDonald

THAT the following meeting be scheduled in conjunction with the 2025 UBCM Convention:

- Minister of Transportation and Transit - Highway 3 Mayors and Chairs Priority Projects

CARRIED

Note: On June 13, 2025, the Board adopted Resolution 52406 that a meeting with Minister of Agriculture - Accessory Dwelling Unit be scheduled in conjunction with the 2025 UBCM Convention.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:37pm.

Chair Rob C. Gay

Tina Hlushak, Corporate Officer