



April 28, 2026

**Regional District of East Kootenay  
19 – 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Cranbrook, British Columbia  
V1C 3H8**

Dear Members of the Regional District of East Kootenay Board:

**Re: Request for support for the imposition of Municipal and Regional District Tax within the City of Kimberley**

Please accept this letter as a formal request for support in relation to the City of Kimberley's intention to make application to the Ministry of Finance for renewal of the imposition of the Municipal and Regional District Tax ("MRDT") on accommodation purchased with the City.

MRDT has been imposed in Kimberley at a rate of 2% since April 1, 2007. The MRDT collected has been provided to Tourism Kimberley who, as required by the Designated Accommodation Area Tax Regulation, can only use the funds for tourism marketing, programs and projects and for convention centre marketing.

The continued collection of MRDT requires that a renewal application be submitted every five-years. Kimberley's current tax lifecycle is set to be repealed on April 1, 2027.

At the April 27, 2026 Regular Council meeting, City of Kimberley Council approved the following resolutions:

*THAT Council direct staff to prepare for consideration of first three readings at the May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting a new Municipal and Regional District Tax Bylaw to authorize and request that the Province of BC impose the tax for a renewed 5-year period commencing April 1, 2027.*

*THAT the new Municipal and Regional District Tax Bylaw to authorize and request that the Province of BC impose the tax for a renewed 5-year period stipulate that the tax rate identified in the Designated Accommodation Area Tax Regulation be increased from 2% to 3% of the purchase price of the accommodation within the City of Kimberley effective April 1, 2027.*

*THAT Council approve as the Designated Recipient of the Municipal and Regional District Tax to be imposed under the provisions of the Designated Accommodation Area Tax Regulation the City of Kimberley effective April 1, 2027.*

*THAT Council direct staff to prepare and send a letter to the Regional District of East Kootenay requesting their support of the imposition of Municipal and Regional District Tax within the municipal boundary of the City of Kimberley at a rate of 3%, and the designated recipient being the City of Kimberley commencing on the April 1, 2027 repeal date of the current tax lifecycle.*

The deadline for submission of an application to increase the tax collection from 2% to 3% is June 30, 2026. The MRDT Program Requirements state the following in relation to evidence of consultation and support from local governments when submitting a renewal application:

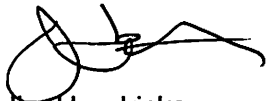
*If a municipality is applying, the municipality must provide evidence that the Regional District has been consulted and indicate whether the Regional District supports or opposes the imposition of the tax in the municipality. Evidence could be in the form of a letter from the Regional District's Board of Directors.*

To comply with the above captioned directive, the City of Kimberley respectfully requests a resolution from the Regional District of East Kootenay Board indicating their support for the imposition of MRDT in Kimberley. A suggested resolution is provided below for your consideration:

The Regional District of East Kootenay Board acknowledges that it has been consulted in relation to, and is in support of, the imposition of a Municipal Regional District Tax within the municipal boundary of the City of Kimberley a rate of 3%, and the designated recipient being the City of Kimberley for a renewed 5-year period commencing on the April 1, 2027 repeal date of the current tax lifecycle.

The City will gladly provide additional information if required by the RDEK Board. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Jim Hendricks  
Chief Administrative Officer

C.c. Krista Waite, Chief Financial Officer