



AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:** - Resolution required to add late items, if any

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** - Resolution to adopt the Agenda for the January 14, 2020, Regular Meeting.

**MINUTES:** - Resolution to adopt the Minutes of the December 10, 2020, Regular Meeting

**PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:** - Nil

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:** -

**OLD BUSINESS:** - Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:** - Resolution to receive the following items for information:

- RE: Emergency & Basic Services (*Art Joyce & Anne Champagne, New Denver*)
- Season's Greetings (*CBT - Johnny Strilaeff, President & CEO*)
- RE: Notice of Application under the Water Sustainability Act (*Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development - Laurence Chaput-Desrochers, Water Stewardship Officer*)
- Active Transportation Grant Announcement (*Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure*)
- RE: Notice of AGM and First Call for Resolutions (*AKBLG - Ange Qualizza, Resolutions Chair*)
- Emerging Economic Opportunities in the Columbia Headwaters Region Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (*Nadine Raynolds, Columbia Headwaters Program Manager*)
- 2020 CIP/AAP Application Process RDCK – (*Nancy Kalawsky, Grants Coordinator*)
- CKCA Arts & Culture Funding Programs (*CKCA - Lily Anderson, Projects and Communications*)

**STAFF REPORTS:** - Resolution to receive the following items for information:



- WildSafeBC New Denver Annual Report 2019  
(*WildSafeBC - Tammy White, New Denver  
Community Coordinator*)
- Denver Siding Boundary Expansion Process  
(*Jessica Rayner, Community Planner*)

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Verbal Reports	-	
Regional District of Central Kootenay	-	
West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District	-	
Recreation Commission #6	-	
Economic Development Commission	-	
Rosebery Parklands & Trail Commission	-	
Treaty Advisory Committee	-	
Fire Department Committee	-	Draft minutes – December 12, 2019 meeting
Health Advisory Committee		

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Infrastructure Planning Grant Application
- Young Canada Works Grant Application
- Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant  
Application
- Affordable Housing Project
- Fire Department Service Levels
- ATACC Group Clinical Governance Fire & Rescue  
Service

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Resolution to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_ p.m.





MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: December 10, 2019  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Council Chambers

PRESENT:

- Acting Mayor Gerald Wagner  
Councillor John Fyke (via Skype)  
Councillor Vern Gustafson  
Councillor Colin Moss  
Catherine Allaway, Acting CAO  
Press: Valley Voice  
Guests: Nil

CALL TO ORDER:

- Acting Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

**RESOLUTION #397**

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the agenda for the December 10, 2019 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

**RESOLUTION #398**

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the Minutes of the November 26, 2019 Regular Meeting be adopted as read.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #399**

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the Minutes of the November 29, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted as read.

CARRIED

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

- Nil

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

- Nil

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nil

CORRESPONDENCE FOR  
INFORMATION:

**RESOLUTION #400**

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the following correspondence be received for information:
  - Accountability for Climate Change (*West Coast Environmental Law - Andrew Gage, Lawyer*)

CARRIED

**STAFF REPORTS:****RESOLUTION #401**

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the following reports be received for information:
  - Revenue & Expense Report – December 6, 2019

CARRIED

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

## Verbal Reports

- Councillor Fyke reported on his attendance at a Columbia River Treaty information session held in Nakusp

## Regional District of Central Kootenay

- Nil

West Kootenay Boundary Regional  
Hospital District

- Nil

## Recreation Commission #6

- The April 18, 2019 and August 29, 2019 meeting minutes were presented.

## Economic Development Commission

- Councillor Fyke reported on the recent Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission meeting and the October 25, 2018 draft meeting minutes were presented.

Rosebery Trails & Parklands  
Commission

- The agenda for the November 201, 2019 meeting was presented

## Treaty Advisory Committee

- Nil

## Fire Department Committee

- Nil

## Health Advisory Committee

- Nil

**NEW BUSINESS:****RESOLUTION #402**

Bosun Hall Kitchen Building Permit  
(*LACE - Lora Lee Brekke, President*)

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the Village of New Denver apply for a Building Permit to remove the east wall of the Bosun Hall kitchen.

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CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #403**  
Appointment of Auditor

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that Grant Thornton be appointed as the Village of New Denver's auditors for the 2020 fiscal year.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #404**  
Appointment of Financial Institution

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that Kootenay Savings Credit Union be appointed as the Village of New Denver's banking institution for the 2020 fiscal year.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #405**  
Office Holiday Hours

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for December 24, 2019 be cancelled;  
and further,

that all staff be given one day off with pay, to be taken between Christmas and New Year's Day.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #406**  
Acting Mayor Appointments 2020

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the Acting Mayor be appointed as follows for the 2020 calendar year:
  - January 1 – March 31, 2020: Councillor Colin Moss
  - April 1 – June 30, 2020: Councillor Vern Gustafson
  - July 1 – September 30, 2020: Councillor John Fyke
  - October 1 – December 31, 2020: Councillor Gerald Wagner

CARRIED

MOTION TO EXCLUDE:**RESOLUTION #407**

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the public interest requires that, as per sections 90(1) (c) of the *Community Charter*, persons other than members of Council and the Acting CAO be excluded from the meeting as it pertains to personnel matters.

CARRIED

RECONVENE IN CAMERA:**RESOLUTION #408**

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that Council recess and reconvene in camera at 7:26 p.m.

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CARRIED

RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING:

**RESOLUTION #415**

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that Council reconvene in open meeting at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT  
FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA:

**RESOLUTION #414**

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that Resolutions #411 and #412 be brought forward to the public portion of the meeting.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #411**

KSCU Signing Authority

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that Colin McClure be appointed as signing authority for the Village of New Denver's accounts at the Kootenay Savings Credit Union.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #412**

Appointment of CAO/CO/dCFO

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that Catherine Allaway be appointed as Corporate Officer and Deputy Chief Financial Officer for the Village of New Denver, effective December 10, 2019.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

**RESOLUTION #416**

- Moved by Councillor Councillor Fyke and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

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ACTING MAYOR WAGNER

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CORPORATE OFFICER





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TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: CAO  
SUBJECT: Communications for Information  
DATE: January 10, 2020

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### RECOMMENDATION:

That the following correspondence be received for information:

- RE: Emergency & Basic Services (*Art Joyce & Anne Champagne, New Denver*)
- Season's Greetings (*CBT - Johnny Strilaeff, President & CEO*)
- RE: Notice of Application under the Water Sustainability Act (*Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development - Laurence Chaput-Desrochers, Water Stewardship Officer*)
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- 2020 CIP/AAP Application Process (*RDCK - Nancy Kalawsky, Grants Coordinator*)
- CKCA 2020-21 Grants (*CKCA - Lily Anderson, Projects and Communications*)

### COMMENTS:

Phone Outages: Staff has been in contact with Telus regarding the recent outages in the community and have inquired about the timelines for replacement of the lines in this area. Telus has indicated that they are working on a program to replace aging lines with fiber optic. They have advised that all fiber installation is currently on hold for the winter but will resume in the spring. They were not able to provide a timeframe for doing this work in our area. We are still awaiting a response from Telus Mobility regarding the cell phone outages. As this is likely a regional issue, not specific to New Denver, staff recommends that Council members contact their RDCK colleagues to explore a coordinated approach. Involving senior levels of government may be necessary, as telecommunication is an area of federal jurisdiction.

2020 CIP/AAP: Details regarding the Community Input Meeting for New Denver will be presented to Council at the January 28, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Sean Arthur Joyce  
Anne Champagne



January 6, 2020

Village of New Denver  
115 Slocan Avenue  
PO Box 40  
New Denver, BC V0G 1S0  
re: Emergency & basic services

Dear Mayor Casley and Council:

We are writing to ask Council's assistance in a matter that affects all Village residents. Following the recent epic power outage (approx. 26 hours in lower New Denver, 41 hours in upper New Denver and 52 hours in Silverton), we on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue have been intermittently without landline phone service ever since. Our local Telus repair technician from Nakusp has been contacted and has been trying to convince his superiors that these ancient, decaying phone lines are in need of *replacement*, not just repair, but to no avail. So he is called out again and again to patch up lines that are barely holding together. As a community, *we need to let Telus know that this is not acceptable.*

Clearly, Telus is content to let this infrastructure rot, assuming that "everyone" now has a cellphone. But especially for elderly people, this is not always the case; many still rely on landline phones. Cell towers too must rely on battery power systems, therefore, the longer the power outage, the more likelihood these too will go down, leaving cellphone customers without service until power is restored. Apparently we lost cellphone service for about 6 hours during the outage. This is why landline phone infrastructure *must be maintained as a basic component of emergency services*—they do not require power to operate, provided the lines are not broken or otherwise compromised.

A couple of neighbourhood experiences from the recent power outage will serve to illustrate why cellphones are *not* a viable basic service for emergencies. Our 92-year-old neighbour does not own a cellphone and her house relies on electric heat. We took her in during the outage as we have a woodstove for heat and a propane camp stove for cooking. But had we not checked, would she have been able to phone out for help, with the landline in its current condition? Another neighbor on her block suffered a medical crisis during the power outage and had to be rushed to hospital. Had this occurred during the six hours when neither the landline nor cellphones were working, she could have died. A third person we know of in the community suffered a medical crisis, collapsed to the floor in her

home, and was unable to get to a phone for two hours. Had her landline not been working when she finally did manage to crawl to her phone, she too may not have survived.

Having just today met with Councillor Moss, we understand he will be representing us on the regional Emergency Preparedness Committee. He agrees that the issue of landline phone maintenance is a critical and—we would add—overlooked component of a community's emergency preparedness. In a city, with its more robust infrastructure, if one cell tower loses power there are a hundred others to pick up the service. Nor are they subject to the long power outages we suffer here. For all the above reasons, *we simply cannot rely on only cellphone service in an emergency situation*. Or at least, it should only be one component of a total system of emergency communications.

It should be noted that, as we are reliant on phone lines for Internet service here—in particular those of us who choose not to use WiFi and rely on wired Ethernet services—when landline phone lines go dead, we are also at risk of losing access to even basic email service. So for an elderly person who is injured in their home, that would mean there is literally *no way* for them to communicate with the outside world for emergency medical assistance if both landline and cell services are out.

In closing, we wish to express our appreciation and full support for the work of Mayor Casley, Councillor Moss and the rest of Council for their determined advocacy on behalf of the community's medical and emergency services. We have been a part of this initiative by volunteering our services as researchers and writers, and are happy to continue doing so as needed. We have every confidence in your goodwill and determination to ensure that New Denver remains a viable and safe community.

We ask that Council make this an agenda item at an upcoming meeting. We stand ready to assist you in your efforts to convince Telus and the provincial government that the abandonment of our landline phone infrastructure is *unacceptable* and that we need replacement of critical components *immediately*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Art Joyce & Anne Champagne', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Art Joyce & Anne Champagne



December 11, 2019

Mayor Leonard Casley  
Village of New Denver  
115 Slocan Avenue, Box 40  
New Denver, BC V0G 1S0

Dear Mayor Casley and Council,

Season's Greetings!

The last year has flown by and we find ourselves getting ready for another busy holiday season. On behalf of the Trust Board and staff, I want to send you our very best wishes and thank you for all that you have done to make your community strong and vibrant over the last 12 months.

It's hard to imagine we are moving into a new decade and I am grateful for the opportunities the Trust has had to collaborate with local government over the last 10 years. As we head into 2020, I am excited to share a bit of what the year holds for the Trust as we move into the public phase of our Columbia Basin Management Plan renewal process.

Engaging with Basin residents will be at the heart of the **Our Trust, Our Future 2020** process and we'll be sharing information with you about our community meeting schedule in January. Your voice and knowledge are so important to this conversation. I hope that we can look to your deep understanding of community, and for your support with awareness and participation, as we seek to understand what residents see as the opportunities for the future of this region.

We'll also be celebrating the Trust's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. I would be remiss not to offer some of my own reflections here, and that is to say, without the vision, support and partnership of Basin local governments, the Trust wouldn't be where it is today. So, *thank you*.

Please find enclosed our 2020 Basin Life desktop calendar. We are so fortunate to live in such an amazing part of the world. Each year we celebrate the beauty and wonder of the Columbia Basin through a calendar of images taken by local photographers. You can request more at [ourtrust.org/calendar](http://ourtrust.org/calendar).

I want to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and the very best for the New Year!

Yours truly,



Johnny Strilaeff  
President and Chief Executive Officer





December 19, 2019

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Village of New Denver  
115 Slocan Avenue  
New Denver BC, V0G 1S0  
By e-mail: [office@newdenver.ca](mailto:office@newdenver.ca)

**Re: Notice of Application under the *Water Sustainability Act***

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We have under consideration an application for a change in and about a stream (*Water Sustainability Act* Section 11) to deploy an underwater communication network, attached for your reference. The project will install underwater fibre-optic cable in Slocan Lake and will construct cable vaults on the foreshore.

As an affected land owner, you are hereby notified (*Water Sustainability Act* Section 13 (1)). If you have any question about this application with respect to the type, construction methods, or location of these works, please contact me at the address below.

If you have any objections regarding this application, you may submit your response in writing to Thomas Cummings, Assistant Water Manager, at the address below, or by e-mail to [thomas.cummings@gov.bc.ca](mailto:thomas.cummings@gov.bc.ca). Your response must be provided within 30 days of being given this letter.

This application is still under review, if you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at 250-354-6241, by e-mail at [laurence.chaput-desrochers@gov.bc.ca](mailto:laurence.chaput-desrochers@gov.bc.ca), or at the address below.

Yours truly,

Laurence Chaput-Desrochers, M.Sc., P.Ag.  
Water Stewardship Officer  
Attachment

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Natural Resource  
Operations and Rural  
Development

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Kootenay Boundary

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## Catherine Allaway

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**From:** BC Active Transportation Grants Program TRAN:EX <BCATgrants@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** December 19, 2019 12:45 PM  
**To:** Undisclosed recipients:  
**Subject:** B.C. Active Transportation Grants – 2020/21 Application Intake Open

**Categories:** AGENDA

Earlier today Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Claire Trevena, announced the opening of a [redesigned grant program to boost active transportation](#) which replaces the former BikeBC program.

The Active Transportation Grants Program supports goals set out in [CleanBC](#) and [Move. Commute. Connect.](#) – B.C.’s strategy for cleaner, more active transportation.

This cost sharing grant program provides funding for network planning (up to \$50,000) and infrastructure development (up to \$500,000) for communities as follows:

- 80% Indigenous communities or their local government(s) partners
- 70% Population less than 15,000
- 60% Population between 15,000 to 25,000
- 50% Population over 25,000

Indigenous and local governments are invited to submit funding proposals to B.C.’s Active Transportation Grants Program until **February 20, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.**

For program details and to apply please visit [B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program](#).

If you have any questions or require assistance with your application please contact program staff at [BCATgrants@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCATgrants@gov.bc.ca) or by telephone at 778 974-5469.



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**TO: All AKBLG Members**

**FROM:** Ange Qualizza, Resolutions Chair

**DATE:** December 4, 2019

**RE: NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
and FIRST CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS**

**Deadline for submitting Resolutions is 4:00 pm February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

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The 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments will be held **April 24- 26 and will be hosted by the Village of Radium Hot Springs.**

New this year – the Resolutions Committee will endeavour to assist the resolutions process by engaging communities that are sponsoring similar resolutions in an effort to improve how we advocate as a region.

Our first call for resolutions will be in December with the express purpose of attempting to connect communities that might co-sponsor a similar resolution should they exist. If your community is considering a resolution that has a shared impact on your neighbours, we encourage you to get it to us early so we can flag it to relevant communities in an information package. ***Expressions of intent to propose a resolution will also be welcome, as long as they provide enough detail to indicate the content and direction of the potential future resolution; we will also share these in a mid- January communication.***

Guidelines of how to write a resolution, and a link to our past resolutions can be found on our web page; <https://akblg.ca/resolutions.html>

If you have any questions about resolutions, please get in touch with me at [resolutions@akblg.ca](mailto:resolutions@akblg.ca)

With enthusiasm,

Ange Qualizza, Resolutions Chair



## Catherine Allaway

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**From:** Nadine Raynolds  
**Sent:** December 11, 2019 2:39 PM  
**To:** mayor@newdenver.ca; fyke@newdenver.ca; gutsafson@newdenver.ca; moss@newdenver.ca; wagner@newdenver.ca; office@newdenver.ca  
**Subject:** Emerging Economic Opportunities in the Columbia Headwaters region  
**Attachments:** Emerging Economic Opportunities in the Columbia Headwaters, Research Brief.pdf; Exploring Emerging Economic Opportunities in the Columbia Headwaters, Bull and Williams, Full report.pdf  
**Categories:** AGENDA

Dear Mayor and Council of New Denver,

The Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative seeks to protect and connect habitat so that people and nature can thrive. We are currently working with a diversity of people and agencies in the Columbia Headwaters region of B.C., which includes our community.

We recently commissioned some research to explore the opportunities and challenges in providing for strong local economies while also sustaining ecological integrity. This research focussed on Nakusp, Revelstoke, Golden, and surrounding rural areas, but offers insight for all communities in the region.

Attached is a research brief and full report on the findings from this project, *Exploring Emerging Economic Opportunities in the Columbia Headwaters Region*. These reports are also online, [linked from our press release](#) or here: [Briefing | Report](#).

The research was conducted through interviews with more than 30 community leaders, includes 18 specific recommendations for land use planning, tourism and recreation, forestry and bioenergy, technology, climate change, and engagement with First Nations. It lays the groundwork for a regional discussion on the intersection of healthy ecosystems, a healthy economy, and the emerging opportunities that may come with a more sustainable approach to resource use.

Thanks for your interest and please let me know if you have any questions. We are also interested in any ideas or resources you may have to share.

We look forward to continuing to work with, in, and for the communities of the Columbia Headwaters region.

Thanks,  
Nadine

**Nadine Raynolds**  
Columbia Headwaters Program Manager  
Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative

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# Exploring emerging economic opportunities in the Columbia Headwaters Region of British Columbia

A RESEARCH BRIEF WITH KEY TAKEAWAYS  
AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Columbia Headwaters region is found within the globally unique inland temperate rainforest of southeastern British Columbia.

It includes portions of the traditional territories of the Ktunaxa, Okanagan, Secwepemc, and Sinixt First Nations. Local governments include the municipalities of Golden, Nakusp, and Revelstoke and surrounding rural areas.

This region has many advantages including the creativity and leadership of the people who call it home. Communities within the Columbia Headwaters have the potential to lead the way in finding a path forward in creating a balance for future generations of people and wildlife.



Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative



## WHO

This briefing is based on a research project conducted between June and November 2019 by Gary Bull, professor and head of the Forest Resources Management Department at the University of British Columbia, and Jeremy Williams of ArborVitae Environmental Services. A research advisory committee made up of diverse regional representatives and provincial and national experts provided direction, advice, and review. Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative commissioned this work.

## WHY

The purpose of this research was to explore the opportunities and challenges in providing for a strong local economy while sustaining the region's ecological integrity. The intention was to lay the groundwork for a discussion on the intersection of healthy ecosystems, a healthy economy, and the emerging opportunities that may come with a more sustainable approach to resource use. The region makes an excellent case study because the current economies are dependent on the sustainability of natural resources for extraction, tourism and recreation.

While much is going well for the region, growth and change always creates challenges and the study area has its share of them. Several resource management issues have emerged. On-going timber harvesting and the expansion of adventure tourism, as well as more widespread recreational use, has increased conflict and challenges in sustaining the outstanding natural features of the region.

## HOW

With limited reliable and useful socio-economic statistics, this research focused on interviews with 30 key informants from across the region. These people represent diverse backgrounds, sectors and experiences including local decision-makers, foresters, economic development practitioners, business leaders, recreationists, First Nations, and more.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

Local communities are concerned about having healthy ecosystems and economies and local municipalities, First Nations, and businesses are committed to improving the quality of life in the region while seeking to maintain its natural attributes.

Indigenous rights and interests include ecological integrity and economic participation.

Many interviewees are concerned that increasing levels of recreational land use will lead to greater conflict between users, a decline in the quality of the outdoor experience, and more negative impacts on the biodiversity and natural heritage features of the area.

The study revealed a need for more reliable, useful data such as regional socio-economic statistics including demographic and employment numbers.

## KEY ECONOMIC DRIVERS IN THE COLUMBIA HEADWATERS



HOUSING & ACCOMMODATION



TOURISM & RECREATION



FORESTRY & PAPER MILLS



MINING



HYDROELECTRIC POWER



TRANSPORTATION







## WHAT'S WORKING

Forestry, particularly in Revelstoke and Nakusp, includes locally managed community forests, important for ensuring various sized companies have access to wood for products.

Local municipalities, First Nations, businesses and residents are invested in maintaining a balance for strong natural resources, growing communities and thriving natural places and wildlife.

Adventure tourism and recreation have added diversity to the economic scene and are bringing considerable wealth to some parts of the region. Communities recognize that limits are needed.

There is an emerging start-up culture to encourage entrepreneurs to explore how technology fits into tourism, forestry and recreation as well as to support workforce skill development.

## CHALLENGES

Urgently addressing the management and conservation of mountain caribou.

Ensuring Indigenous people and communities are decision-makers in the future of the ecosystem health and economic make up of the region.

Addressing community challenges related to increases in tourism, seasonal residency, and housing prices.

Reconciling the needs of nature with recreation and tourism use.

Developing new policies and approaches to forest management that balance old growth forest and biodiversity conservation with forest harvest.



## RECOMMENDATIONS

Stakeholder interviews and meetings with the research advisory committee found a widespread recognition that the region needs to be proactive to get ahead of current and anticipated challenges that exist. This can be done by building on the strong foundation of knowledgeable people, a stable and skilled workforce, outstanding natural capital, excellent transportation infrastructure, Indigenous knowledge, people committed to sustainability, and an emerging technology sector that can assist in finding more sustainable and creative solutions.

People in the area recognize that now is an opportune time to begin the necessary discussions and organization of what could be a new model for sustainable planning and development.

## KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE RESEARCH

### ECONOMIC & LAND-USE PLANNING INITIATIVES

- Collect and compile more reliable and useful data on economic sectors and use of the landscape
- Begin a regionally driven land use planning process
- Include decarbonization imperatives in local and regional planning

### COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- Develop a forum for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to get to know each other and share interests and aspirations
- Increase involvement of First Nations in the local society and economy and explore opportunities to increase their share of economic benefits

### RECREATION & TOURISM INITIATIVES

- Establish and support regional backcountry recreation associations and access management
- Assess adventure tourism activities with a sustainability lens

### FORESTRY INITIATIVES

- Explore mechanisms to generate local forest-based carbon offsets
- Transition from dependence on old growth harvesting
- Expand community forestry operations
- Increase use of technology to add value to harvested timber, enhance the tourism and recreational experience, and create new bundles of products and services

### LEARN MORE

This research brief was prepared based on the findings of an independent report commissioned by Y2Y. Read the report at [columbiaheadwaters.org](http://columbiaheadwaters.org)

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*The researchers and Y2Y thank all the research participants for their time, insights, and opinions which helped build an understanding of the region and how it might better prepare itself for the future.*

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## 2020 Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program (CIP/AAP)

**Date:** December 10, 2019  
**To:** RDCK Electoral Directors  
**From:** Nancy Kalawsky, Grants Coordinator  
**Re:** 2020 CIP/AAP APPLICATION PROCESS

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The 2020 Proposal Intake Period for the Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs will commence Monday, January 6, 2020 and will end Friday, February 28, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

### 2020 PROPOSAL INTAKE

- CIP/AAP proposal applications continue to be accepted once per year and, as in 2019, 2020 applications **must be submitted through the Trust's online application system**.
- The Application Guide, Pre-Application Worksheet and Information Sheet are available on our website at <http://rdck.ca/cip-aap>.
- The 2020 Application Guide, Information Sheet and Worksheet is attached to this memo and will also be made available in hard copy to:
  - RDCK Services at the Creston Library;
  - The Lardeau Community Centre;
  - City, Town and Village offices throughout the Regional District; and,
  - The RDCK head office in Nelson commencing January 2020.
- Organizations are encouraged to carefully read through the 2020 Pre-Application Worksheet and Application Guide for important information and instructions. There have been no significant changes to these documents since 2019.
- The 2020 Application Guide and Application were developed by Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) based on the Board approved 2018 CIP/AAP Guidelines and Application (November 17, 2017 RES #680/17 and July 19, 2018 RES #504/18 regarding Nakusp/Rural Nakusp and Area K Bayview).
- Please see below for the 2020 Program Schedule.

If you have any questions or receive inquiries please do not hesitate to direct any inquiries to my attention, thank you.

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Encls/2020 Application Information Sheet/2020 Application Guide/2020 Worksheet

2020 Program Schedule	
January 6 – February 28	2019 CIP/AAP Call for Proposals – Applications must be submitted online only.
January 7 – January 16	First Call for Proposal advertisement to appear in local newspapers. Notification will also be posted in the front page of the RDCK website.
<b>January 31</b>	<b>Directors to provide information regarding Community Input Meeting dates, location, committee members, and adjudication process</b>
February 5 – 6	Second Call for Proposal advertisement to appear in local newspapers
<b>February 28th</b>	<b>Application Deadline – Friday, February 28, 2020 04:30 pm</b>
March 9	Locations for Community Input Meetings to be booked and made available on RDCK website
March 2 - 13	Proposals to be reviewed by RDCK staff. Eligible proposals forwarded to Local Selection Committees/Councils for Communities Input Meetings (Packages will be available for March 19, 2020 Board meeting)
March 16	List of proposals not eligible for 2020 CIP/AAP funding consideration to be distributed to Directors
March - April	Advertisements for Community Input Meetings appear in local papers
April 1 - 30	Community Input Meetings (community involvement) to be held during April
May 4	Area funding recommendations to be submitted to Grants Coordinator
May 4 – 15	Organization with unsupported projects will be formally notified
May 21	Funding recommendations presented to RDCK Board for approval
May 25	RDCK Finance will be provided with a list of approved project proposals in preparation of funding disbursements in June
May 29	RDCK website will be updated to include listing of 2020 approved project proposals
June	CIP/AAP grant cheques, letter and applicable contracts will be forwarded to successful proponents. Funding agreements will be forwarded to proponents in receipt of project funding support in excess of \$4,999 per area (Funding agreements are required prior to the release of funds)
June 30	Final Financial Reports are due for projects funded in 2019
October 31	Deadline for project extensions and change of scope for projects funded 2019 and earlier
December 31	Deadline for Final Financial Reports for projects funded 2019 and earlier ( <i>Organizations failing to satisfy reporting requirements will not be eligible for 2021 CIP/AAP funding consideration</i> )



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 6, 2020

**ARTS AND CULTURE GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE  
CKCA and the Trust announce 2020-21 programs**

**Columbia Basin** – Artists in all disciplines—as well as arts and culture organizations—are invited to apply for funding through the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance (CKCA), which delivers the Arts and Culture Program on behalf of Columbia Basin Trust.

The Trust has a longstanding partnership with CKCA for the delivery of arts and culture programming, as well as sharing the perspectives of the arts and culture community in the region.

“In partnering with the Columbia Basin Trust, we’ve seen firsthand the positive impact funding has in supporting arts and culture,” said Laura White, CKCA Chair. “In particular, we have seen the evolution of many emerging artists in this region who have thrived. The Trust’s continued investment in arts and culture through the CKCA has had, and will continue to have, a significant impact for artists and organizations in the Basin.”

For 2020-21, CKCA is receiving \$750,000 from the Trust to directly support arts and culture projects. Funding is available for individuals and groups through the following programs: funding through community arts councils; minor capital arts projects; touring; arts and cultural mentoring / master classes; major project arts; artists in education; and an arts presenting and creation program for organizations. Applications are adjudicated once a year by local arts councils and the CKCA Steering Committee. Funding also supports the development of a regional arts and cultural publication and the popular Columbia Basin Culture Tour, which will occur in August 2020.

“We are pleased to continue supporting artists and strengthening the arts and culture sector in partnership with CKCA,” said Michelle d’Entremont, Manager, Delivery of Benefits. “Together we are supporting and growing arts and culture in local communities and contributing to the unique culture of Basin life that so many of us enjoy.”

Visit [www.basinculture.com](http://www.basinculture.com), for more information about programs and application procedures. Please note, applications will now be submitted online for most programs. Call CKCA at 250.505.5505 or 1.877.505.7355 for any additional questions.

**CKCA applications must be received by March 6 or March 13, 2020, depending on the program.**

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TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: Corporate Officer  
SUBJECT: Request for Information  
DATE: January 10, 2020

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### RECOMMENDATION:

That the following items be received for information:

- WildSafeBC New Denver Annual Report 2019 (*WildSafe BC - Tammy White, New Denver Community Coordinator*)
- Denver Siding Boundary Expansion Process (*Jessica Rayner, Community Planner*)



# WildSafeBC Annual Report 2019

## New Denver, Silvertown, Nakusp & Area K

Prepared by: Tammy White, WildSafeBC New Denver, Silvertown,  
Nakusp and Area K Community Coordinator



## Executive Summary

This WildSafeBC New Denver Program also covers the communities of Nakusp, Silverton, and the ones within Area K (fig.1). Overall, these communities reported less human-wildlife conflicts this year than in previous seasons. There were fewer reported sightings and fewer encounters most likely due to an abundance of readily available natural food sources in surrounding habitats. Time was spent late in the season helping track and map a rodent issue in New Denver as it was of significant concern to citizens. Overall, there was very little conflict reported.

The New Denver WildSafeBC Community Coordinator (WCC) attended 12 events and distributed WildSafeBC (WSBC) messaging to over a 1,000 people. With Farmers' Markets in the two largest communities and major events such as Canada Day in Nakusp, Toad Fest at Summit Lake, Hills Garlic Festival and Lucerne's Harvest Festival in New Denver, there were many great opportunities to present information on managing attractants, bare camping, recreating safely, and proper storage and deployment of bear spray. As well, there were many visitors to the region who do not live in wildlife areas and who benefited greatly from the information provided.

This region is quite conscientious about securing garbage until the day of pick up and very few incidents of reported conflict involved garbage. Although formal reporting does not completely support this, fruit and windfall remains the biggest attractant issue. Door-to-door campaigns occurred 6 times and reached over 300 people. The main focus of these campaigns was managing attractants, and making spaces less inviting to wildlife. Two electric fencing workshops were planned and promoted in the region through partnerships with Grizzly Bear Solutions and the communities themselves with 20 people participating. Over a dozen campgrounds were visited; four received regular repeated visits to promote bare camping and to educate visitors about potential wildlife encounters. The regional newspaper promoted WSBC initiatives seven times and published three submitted articles. The WSBC messaging was also presented in four New Denver Village Notices in the Valley Voice. In the latter part of the season, the WCC focused on presenting the WildSafe Ranger Program (WRP) with 12 classes and over 205 students taking part. As well, multiple Facebook messages were posted each month with a 7 percent increase in followers.

The New Denver WCC collaborated with several organizations this season with including the Bear Smart program offered by Valhalla Wilderness Society, Grizzly Bear Solutions, Harvest Share, The Healthy Community Society and the Kaslo WildSafeBC Program to present education on a variety of topics including electric fencing and wilderness safety. The WCC also worked collaboratively with the Village of New Denver to provide education on rodent mitigation and to map the problem areas in the village. Information was also requested and shared between the WCC and RDCK Parks Department on trail signage and trail closures.

One of the many challenges faced, and perhaps the most difficult, was finding support in areas where there was much less conflict than in previous seasons. It is important to note that human-wildlife conflicts fluctuate from year to year and remaining vigilant is necessary to ensure communities continue to reduce potential for conflicts to occur. Goals for 2019 include making stronger collaborations in less responsive communities and doing more education with people who only live in the region part time. It was a particularly busy year for new council and staff in Nakusp this year. Next year, the WCC would like to increase WSBC presence in Nakusp and surrounding areas and revisit the Bear Smart initiatives that were previously introduced in Nakusp.





**Figure 1. WildSafeBC New Denver program coverage area.**  
 \* Areas south of Silverton are covered by the Valhalla Bear Smart program.

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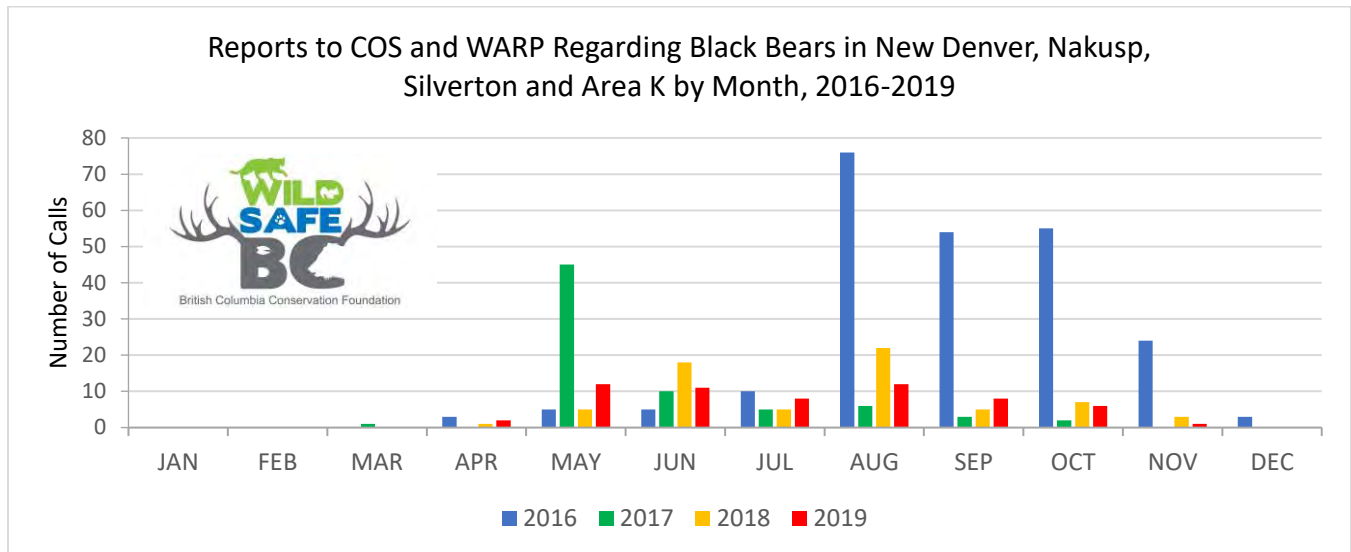
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**Cover Photo: Resident moose along Highway 31A between Kaslo and New Denver**

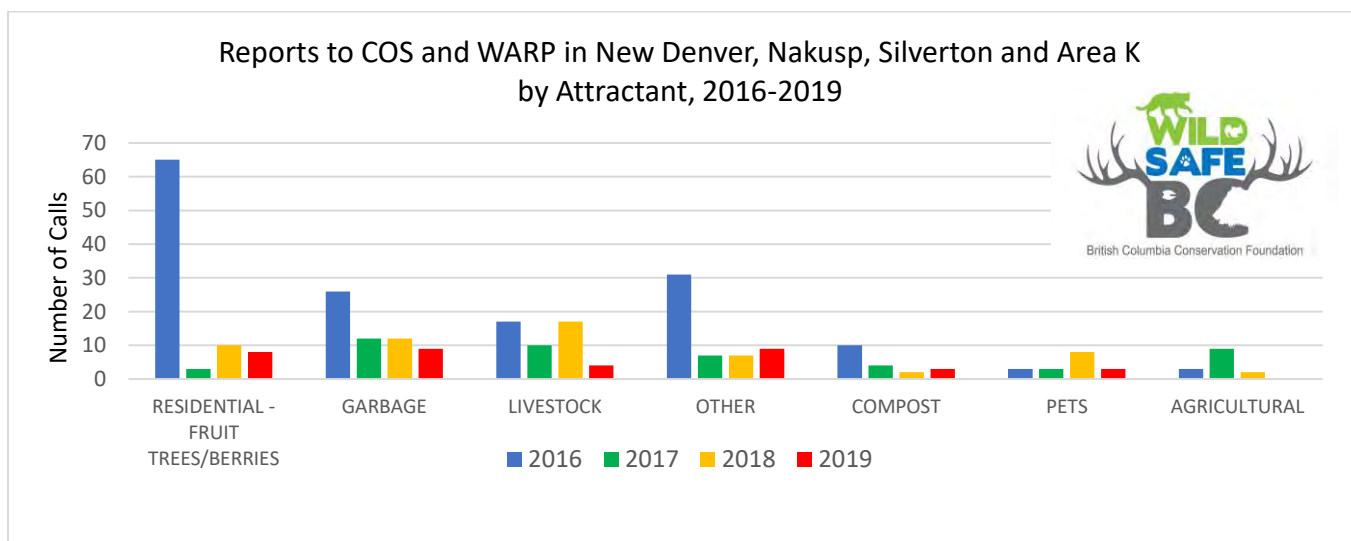
## Highlights from the 2019 Season

### Wildlife Activity

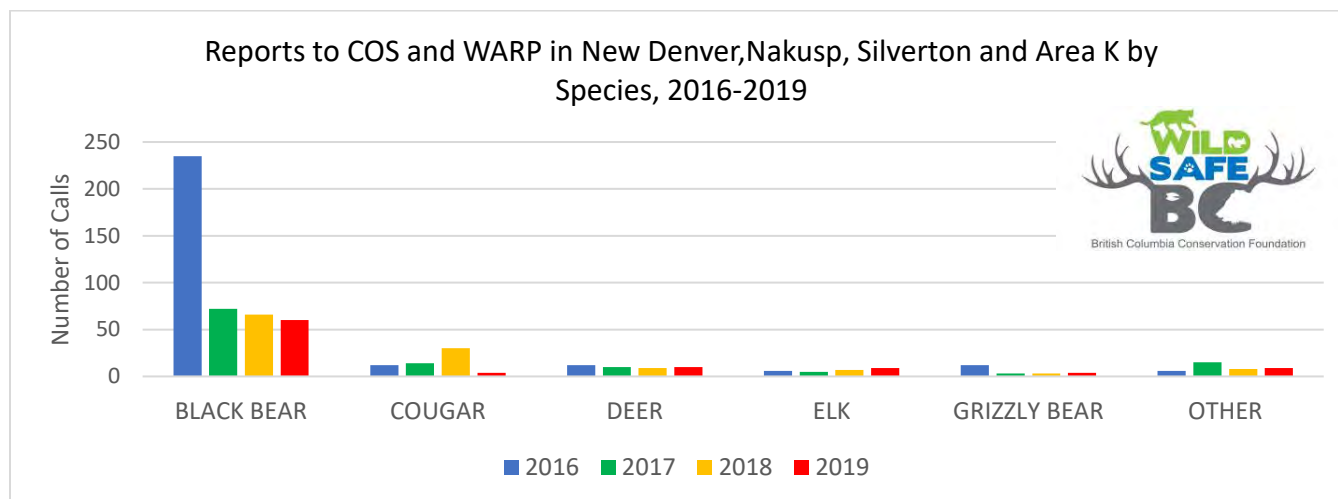
Reports made to the Conservation Officer Service (COS) through the RAPP line (1-877-952-7277) are available to the public through WildSafeBC's Wildlife Alert Reporting Program (WARP). This data is updated daily and this report for New Denver includes data from January 1, 2016 to November 15, 2019. This year, black bear reports were significantly lower than in previous years with only slight increases in July and in September (fig. 2, fig. 4). Garbage remained the most reported attractant followed by fruit trees (fig. 3). Based on general observation and discussion with locals, fruit trees are still the most prevalent attractant for wildlife. There were fewer reports of conflict this year partly due to an exceptional huckleberry crop in the region but also due to a lack of reporting. Although residents will verbally comment to the WCC about sightings in town, those sightings are typically not reported.



**Figure 2. Reports to the COS and WARP regarding black bears from January 1, 2016 to November 15, 2019.**



**Figure 3. Reports to the COS and WARP regarding attractants from January 1, 2016 to November 15, 2019**



**Figure 4. Species reported to the COS and WARP in New Denver from January 1, 2016 to November 15, 2019. Black bears account for 70% of the reports (430 out of 615).**

## WildSafe Ranger Program

In 2019, the Junior Ranger Program was renamed WildSafe Ranger. This is a keystone of our program. Three schools participated in the program with a total of 12 presentations provided to 205 students who became WildSafe Rangers and received WildSafe Ranger Kits (Table 1). One group of students received an outdoor presentation on attractants and safety when hiking or recreating outdoors.

**Table 1. Schools that received the Junior Ranger Program in 2019.**

School	Grade	Students
Nakusp Elementary	K-6	151
Lucerne Elementary	K-3	25
Burton Elementary	K-4	17
Lucerne Preschool		12

## Public Displays and Events

The WSBC display booth was set up for a dozen events in Areas H and K (fig.6, fig. 7). The WCC attended local Farmer's Markets 3 times in each of the communities of New Denver and Nakusp. The WCC also attended Canada Day celebrations in Nakusp, Toad Fest at Summit Lake for two days, Hill's Garlic Festival and Harvest Festival at Lucerne School in New Denver. WildSafeBC's annual BC Goes Wild Weekend was held at Hills Garlic Festival with special contests and activities for youngsters (fig. 5). Local support for these events and the supporting organizations is fantastic with people attending from all over the region. Even more impressive, numerous visitors are reached through these events. As well, many people in the region are part-time residents and the education about attractants has great reach during the summer and fall seasons when more of these people are living in the region.





Figure 5. Visitors at our BC Goes Wild Weekend event.



Figure 6. Visitors to one of the twelve booth set ups for the season.



**Figure 7.** Due to in kind support from the Village of New Denver, the WCC was able to replace a damaged canopy with a new branded canopy.

## Door-to-Door Education and Garbage Tagging

Garbage tagging was performed in New Denver a total of three times with no garbage being put out early. According to most residents questioned, this is normal for New Denver as they self-manage within the community and are also certified as a Bear Smart Community by the Province. The WCC switched focus very early in the season and spent time educating people about the proper storage of garbage in between pick up days. This was accomplished through door-to-door campaigns which also focused on educating people about specific problem species. Earlier in the season the focus was on coyotes, and later switched to rats. Other campaigns discussed managing attractants, and making spaces less inviting to wildlife. Campaigns also occurred in more rural areas that do not typically receive as much attention such as Silverton, Burton, Bayview and Rosebery. The WCC was not able to do garbage tagging in Nakusp due to a work schedule conflict on the garbage pick up days and the considerable travel distance to reach Nakusp. Consultation with Public Works and the Village Office indicated that putting garbage out early was not an issue in the community. Local businesses in Nakusp were canvassed to discuss conflict issues and the general consensus was that 2019 was an extremely low conflict season in the region.

## Social Media and Press

Social media engagement and growth from January 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> was on par with previous years with some gains in followers and improved engagement for posts that involved community events. The WildSafeBC New Denver page grew 7% in 2019 from 312 to 336 page likes and had an overall reach of 13,000 from May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>. New Denver is not a community that is easy to reach via social media as some residents do not own computers or cell phones. The reach was much



greater through the local paper, the Valley Voice, which has a readership throughout Areas H and K of 7,600. The WCC submitted 7 news articles on attractant management as well as providing an interview to introduce the coordinator and the program to the community. WSBC messaging was also presented in four New Denver Village Notices in the Valley Voice.

## Wildlife in Area Signs

Signage was required in a number of communities this season. Signage was developed for the Burton Historical Campground, a municipal campground that sits in a wildlife corridor. Bear in Area signs and posters were used to remind visitors to be alert and mindful while staying in the campground. Signage was also supplied twice to Rosebery at the entrances to the community and at the Galena Trail heads in consultation with the persons responsible for trail maintenance through the RDCK Parks Department. Signage was used in Silverton on four separate occasions at the request of local citizens who felt visitors to the area were not bear aware and should be notified of areas where bears are known to enter the Village.

## Collaborations

The WCC worked to actively promote fruit gleaning with referrals to Harvest Share in Silverton and New Denver and remained in touch with the community sponsors of this program throughout the season. She also collaborated with Grizzly Bear Solutions to help set up and get registrants for two electric fencing workshops, one in New Denver and one in Burton. The New Denver workshop was sponsored in part by the Valhalla Wilderness Society (VWS) and their Bear Smart Coordinator took part. The VWS also supplied cost sharing for 5 electric fencing set ups in the villages and provided advise on installations as well. The WCC was in touch with the Conservation Officer Service (COS) as needed and attended the West Kootenay Bear Working Group meeting to collaborate with a number of organizations that promote bear safety in the region. Numerous events were attended with other organizations that promote wildlife stewardship including two days at Toad Fest which is organized by the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program. The WCC also collaborated with RDCK Parks before installing signage at trailheads. The most regular collaboration was with the Village of New Denver. The Village sent out WSBC best practises information with tax notices in the spring, WSBC messaging in Village Notices and WSBC rat brochures late in the season to help address the rodent issue. The Village of Nakusp also requested season end reminders to publish in its fall newsletter.

## Province-wide Initiatives for 2019

### Bear Spray

Formal bear spray demonstrations were performed on two occasions. Wind and weather conditions eliminated the capacity to deploy inert spray on three other occasions at outdoor venues but the safety information was presented. Proper handling and transport of bear spray was addressed at every event attended with the transport container being of particular interest. Bear spray safety and deployment was a regularly asked question at events and was addressed in as much detail as permissible from the booth. At least 100 people had direct engagement on the efficacy of bear spray and the steps on how to use it effectively. Large numbers of visitors to events were grateful to be directed to check the expiration dates on bear spray.

## Special Initiatives

New Denver is always working towards reducing human-wildlife conflict. They are already a Bear Smart community and along with Silverton are piloting a community composting program that reduces the amount of backyard composting which in turn reduces attractants. Backyard composts can attract large animals such as bears but are even more attractive for rodents. The community school also has an amazing program where the students plant, maintain and care for a school garden and manage the composting (fig. 8, fig. 9). Students are taught how to properly care for both which bodes well for the future of the community. The WCC will continue to work with the community by promoting the use of bear-resistant garbage and compost containers and has discussed the possibility of broadening the use of these resources in the new season.



Figures 8 & 9. Lucerne Elementary School Composting Program

## Challenges and Opportunities

This region is still an area where fruit trees abound and continue to be the major attractant that draws wildlife into residential areas. Bears, coyotes, deer and now rats have all been issues in areas where there is fruit. Attractant mapping has identified hotspots in the community where more education and fruit gleaning are needed. In particular, more volunteers are needed to continue with the great programs that already exist. To address the abundance of fruit in the communities in areas H and K, and to widen the expanse of WSBC messaging, the following initiatives are recommended for 2020:

- Increase focus on electric fence demonstrations
- Continue education through presentations, workshops, event displays, social media, news articles, flyers in municipal tax information, and public notices
- Continue regular campground visits especially during tourist season
- Continue to collaborate on bringing more residential-bear resistant bins to the area
- Increase contact with gleaning groups, food banks and other non-profits
- Increase door-to-door campaigns in hotspots
- Encourage homeowners to remove blooms on fruit trees to reduce production
- Continue with education on bear spray use and transport

## Acknowledgements

Thank you to our host community, the Village of New Denver, Mayor Leonard Casley and councillors for the in-kind support that provided staff time, photocopying, hall rentals, storage space, and a new canopy for the program. Special thanks to the CAO, Catherine Allaway and the village staff for their considerable efforts to answer and address question and concerns in a timely manner. They all helped with the delivery of this program. Thank you to the staff of the Nakusp Village Office, the Visitor Information Staff and the Municipal Campground attendants for the numerous updates on visits to the community.

Thank you to Bree Lillies of Harvest Share and Julia Greenlaw of The Healthy Community Society for their continued support of the WildSafeBC program and for the wonderful collaborations and event opportunities. Thanks also to the many organizations the program collaborated with including Bear Smart and Grizzly Bear Solutions. The WSBC program was also supported by the Conservation Officer Service, local RCMP detachments, municipal park operators, and trails and recreation personnel.

Thank you to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, the Columbia Basin Trust and the Regional District of Central Kootenay for their continued financial support. Thanks to the BCCF team who gives incredible support and guidance throughout the season.

# Municipal Boundary Extension Process & Timeline 2020

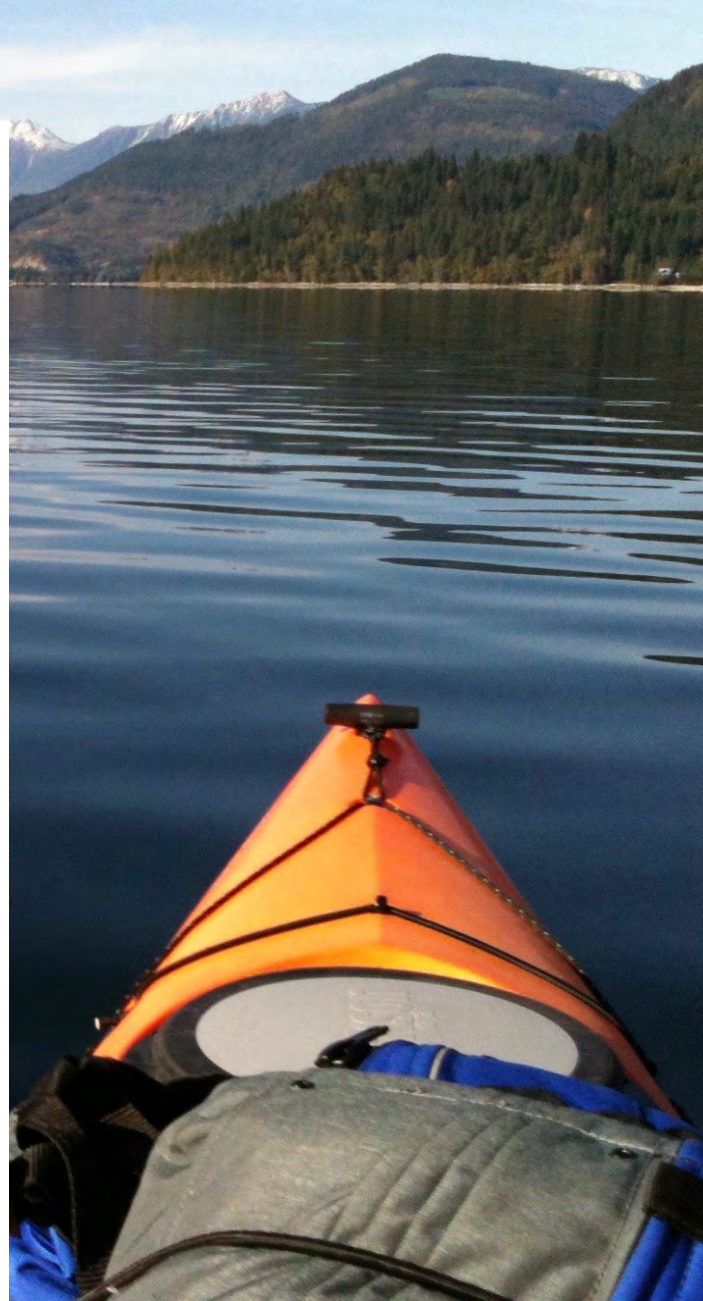


JANUARY 9, 2020

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Village of New Denver

Submitted by: Jessica Rayner, Planning Assistant





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## Required Steps in the Municipal Boundary Extension Process

### Step 1: Proposal Development and Referrals

Action 1 (Complete): A council resolution confirming the municipality is willing to consider a boundary extension proposal. The resolution also authorizes municipal staff to develop the details of the proposal and to send it to the Ministry for processing. Council Resolution #319 dated September 8, 2015 states: “that the Village of New Denver proceed with the proposed Denver Siding and Area boundary extension proposal; and further that Village of New Denver staff be authorized to develop, sign, and submit the proposal to the Provincial Government.”

Action 2 (Underway; to be completed January 2020): Development of a municipal boundary extension proposal.

Action 3 (January 2020 – May 2020): Refer the municipal boundary extension proposal to the following parties for comment:

1. Property owners within the proposed municipal boundary extension area to obtain their opinion on the proposal (Municipality to provide information to property owners and residents, resulting in individual response letters, and Municipality to hold an open house / public meeting resulting in meeting feedback forms) (mail-outs February 2020, open house March 2020);
2. The regional district to determine the impact on existing services and the details of transferring services should the municipal boundary extension be approved (January – March 2020);
3. Improvement districts that overlap with the proposed municipal extension area (n/a);
4. Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) if the proposed extension area includes land in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) (n/a);
5. Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) if the proposed extension area includes Crown land (February / March 2020, if applicable);

6. First Nations whose traditional territory includes the proposed municipal boundary extension area (January / February 2020)

## Step 2: Proposal Submission (Summer 2020 submission)

A municipal boundary extension proposal submitted to the Ministry of Community and Rural Development should include the following:

1. A council resolution confirming the municipality wishes to consider a boundary extension proposal (Complete);
2. A rationale for the proposal, including land use implications (In Progress);
3. Maps (Drafted);
4. A list of parcels in the extension area including legal descriptions (Complete);
5. A parcel map and/or list of parcels indicating which property owners are in favour or opposed to the proposal (to be created upon completion of Step 1, Action 3);
6. The name of the regional district and the affected electoral area(s) (Complete);
7. Copies of communications with, and the opinions of, owners and other interested parties within the area of the proposed municipal boundary extension (to be compiled upon completion of Step 1, Action 3);
8. Results of referrals to the regional district, improvement districts, ALC, and ILMB, including correspondence and a record of issues identified and resolved or unresolved (to be created upon completion of Step 1, Action 3);
9. Results of referrals to First Nations, including correspondence and a record of issues identified and resolved or unresolved (to be created upon completion of Step 1, Action 3); and
10. Consideration of any specific conditions related to implementation and other relevant background information.

## Step 3: Ministry Review (Pursuing summer 2020 review)

The Ministry will acknowledge receipt of the municipal boundary extension proposal and review the submission by preparing an Administrative Report that will provide the

municipality with feedback. If further work is required, Ministry staff are available to work with the municipality to complete the proposal.

Once the Ministry confirms a complete municipal boundary extension proposal, it will be referred by the Ministry to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (BC MoT) for review. The Ministry will discuss BC MoT's report with the municipality.

The Ministry recommends that the municipality wait until the Ministry confirms that all issues are addressed before seeking elector approval. This ensures that elector approval is obtained on a complete municipal boundary extension proposal. Technical changes to the proposal after elector approval is obtained could void the results, requiring the elector approval process to be repeated.

### Step 4: Electoral Approval (Pursuing autumn 2020 approval)

The Local Government Act (section 20) requires municipal electoral approval of the boundary extensions. Electoral approval may be obtained by the municipality through a referendum or the Alternative Approval Process (AAP) (Community Charter, section 85,86). Electoral approval will be sought by the Village of New Denver through the Alternative Approval Process (AAP); if at least ten percent of municipal electors indicate that a referendum must be held, by submitting a signed Electoral Response Form to the Village of New Denver within the allocated timeframe, the Village of New Denver will be required to proceed with electoral approval through a referendum.

If electors support the municipal boundary extension proposal, the municipality must provide the Ministry with:

- a second council resolution confirming the request to the Minister to extend the boundary of the municipality and confirming the legal description of the parcels to be included within the municipal boundary;
- a declaration that the statutory requirements of section 20 of the Local Government Act are met; and,
- the results of the elector approval process.



## Step 5: Provincial Approval (Pursuing early 2021 approval)

Once the elector approval process is complete, the Ministry prepares Letters Patent implementing the proposed boundary change. Letters Patent describe the properties being included in the municipality, provide for the transfer of services from the regional district/improvement district to the municipality, and if necessary, provide for special or transition features. The Ministry also amends the Letters Patent for the relevant regional district, removing the boundary extension area from the applicable electoral area.

The Local Government Act (section 20) requires the Lieutenant Governor in Council (Cabinet) to approve municipal boundary extension requests.

## Step 6: Implementation (Pursuing mid-2021 implementation)

If the boundary extension proposal is approved by Cabinet, the Ministry notifies the municipality, the regional district and other ministries and agencies, such as BC Assessment and the Land Title and Survey Authority of BC that the municipal boundary extension will be implemented.

The municipality and relevant regional district are responsible for implementing the transfer and coordination of services within the boundary extension area. The municipality and the regional district may choose to establish a transition agreement to assist in this process.

To conclude the municipal boundary extension process, the municipality must confirm to the Ministry the population in the extension area. This information is used to adjust the municipality's population for grant allocations and to determine the number of votes held by the municipality on the regional district board. It is important that the population certification be submitted to the Ministry in a timely fashion.

ANALYSIS: This process has been under discussion for many years. After grant funding for Denver Siding water system improvements was approved in 2018, it became possible to work toward a realistic timeline for the Village to complete a boundary

extension and upgrade the Denver Siding water system. Boundary extension planning began in 2019, along with design work for water system upgrades. Staff now anticipate the boundary extension proceeding in 2020 and being completed in 2021, at which time Denver Siding water system upgrades can be completed by the Village.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Proposed New Denver Boundary Extension, Water System & Ownership Maps 1 & 2

**LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK:** The Local Government Act (section 20) describes the requirements that must be met before the Province considers approving a municipal boundary extension. Under the legislation, the Lieutenant Governor in Council (Cabinet) may approve a municipal boundary extension on the recommendation of the Minister of Community and Rural Development (Minister). A boundary extension application is approved by an Order in Council that issues Letters Patent for both the municipality and regional district.

Prior to forwarding a municipal boundary extension proposal to Cabinet, the Minister must have evidence that the:

- municipal council has requested the boundary extension;
- property owners and residents of the boundary extension area are aware of, and have been provided an opportunity to express their opinion on the proposed boundary extension; and,
- majority of municipal electors do not object to the proposed extension.

The Local Government Act (section 20) establishes minimum requirements for public notice of the proposed boundary extension. The legislation is focused on the approval by the municipality's electors, because a boundary extension may have significant implications for the municipality as a whole. The municipality may obtain elector approval through a referendum or the Alternative Approval Process (Community Charter, section 85, 86). The Minister cannot recommend the boundary extension without municipal elector approval.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Boundary Expansion (extending municipal boundaries to include Denver Siding) was identified as a strategic priority in the Village's 2019 Annual Report.

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY: As outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Staff time to proceed with boundary extension requirements. Water system design work will proceed parallel to this process and water system upgrades will occur should this process be successful. Associated water system improvement costs to be incurred.



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TO: Mayor and Council  
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DATE: January 9, 2020

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**OPTIONS:**

- 1. Authorize submission of the application**
2. Do not authorize submission of the application

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Village of New Denver submit an application to the Infrastructure Planning Grant Program.

**BACKGROUND:** The Village of New Denver is working with Scott Wallace, Engineer at TRUE Consulting, to develop plans for improvements to the municipal water system. In July 2019, the Village submitted an application for funding to conduct a review of water system information, and develop of a digital water model to assess system flows and pressures. Funding was approved in October 2019, and significant progress has been made on the project. The proposed project will build on this work and provide additional information to guide further development of the municipal water system, including the development of a uni-directional flushing program.

**ANALYSIS:** The total budget for the proposed project is less than \$20,000, and \$10,000 in grant funding is being sought from the Province.

**LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK:** Nil

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Developing a water master plan and improving water pressure in the Orchard were identified as priorities in the 2019 Annual Report.

**COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The Village's contribution of \$10,000 will come from Gas Tax funds. By applying for funding from the Provincial Infrastructure Planning Grant program, the Village will effectively leverage the existing Gas Tax funds.



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TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: CAO  
SUBJECT: 2020 Young Canada Works Grant Funding  
DATE: January 9, 2020

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### OPTIONS:

1. **Authorize submission of the grant applications**
2. Do not authorize submission of the grant applications

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Village of New Denver submit applications to the Young Canada Works (YCW) federal wage subsidy program for funding to hire up to three summer students for the NIMC 2020 operational season.

**BACKGROUND:** The YCW grants are a federal initiative that assists employers to create summer job opportunities for students. They are designed to focus on local and heritage-related interests, and offer hands-on work experience to students while providing wage subsidies to employers. The duration of employment be from 30-40 hours per week for 6-16 consecutive weeks. Eligible applicants must be between 15-30 years of age and must be returning to full-time studies in September.

In past years additional funding has been available through the Canada Summer Jobs program, but no announcements have been made regarding the 2020 program.

**ANALYSIS:** By applying for funding assistance, the Village of New Denver may be able to recover over \$15,000 in employment costs associated with filling the seasonal positions at the NIMC. If funding is not received, the digitization project will not proceed, and staffing levels in the gift shop will be reduced to minimum levels. The application deadlines is January 15, 2020.

**LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK:** Nil

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Nil

**COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:** Job opportunities will be advertised in the Valley Voice

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Village of New Denver is eligible for a subsidy of up to 75% of the student's employment costs (i.e. wages, benefits and other eligible expenditures).





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TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: CAO  
SUBJECT: RDCK Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Application  
DATE: January 9, 2020

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### **OPTIONS:**

- 1. Support the RDCK's funding application**
2. Do not support the RDCK's funding application

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Village of New Denver supports application for Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Flood Risk Assessment, Mapping and Mitigation Planning, submitted by the RDCK on behalf of the Village of New Denver, and further supports the RDCK to manage the grant funds for the project.

**BACKGROUND:** The current intake of the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping and Flood Mitigation Planning grant program, administered by UBCM, has a January 24, 2020 application deadline.

Information about the proposed project is in the attached RDCK Memorandum dated December 3, 2019.

**ANALYSIS:** The regional approach proposed by the RDCK aligns with stated provincial goals. The project will include a risk assessment and mapping for Carpenter Creek, which can be used to support future applications for structural mitigation work on the Carpenter Creek dikes.

**LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK:** The Village of New Denver participates in the RDCK's Emergency Program as well as the GIS Service which will benefit from this work.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Nil

**COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** As the grant provides 100% funding there is no cost impact to the Village of New Denver.



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

# Memorandum

**Date:** December 13, 2019

**To:** Municipal Staff – Castlegar, Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton, Slocan

**From:** Sangita Sudan, General Manager of Development Services RDCK

**Subject:** Update on Regional Natural Hazard and Risk Reduction Strategy (NHRRS) & request for UBCM CEPF funding support

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### INTRODUCTION

I am writing to update you on the Natural Hazard and Risk Reduction Strategy (NHRRS). The objective of the Strategy is to inform decisions on land use for private and Crown, regional growth, asset management, and the health and safety of our communities on natural hazard risks related to clear water and steep creek flooding, and wildfires. The initiatives and projects considered in the Strategy include Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP)

<https://rdck.ca/EN/main/services/emergency-management/community-wildfire-protection-plans.html>, and Flood and Steep Creek Geohazard Risk Prioritization Study, March 2019

<https://rdck.ca/assets/Government/Documents/RDCK%20Risk%20Prioritization%20Study%20-%20FINAL.pdf>. Our Consultant BGC Engineering Inc. is currently completing the Regional Flood Mapping project which is due in March 2020. You can find out more information on the project's

field season on the website at <https://rdck.ca/EN/main/services/community-planning/flood-map-study.html>.

### UPDATE ON NATIONAL DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM (NDMP)

The RDCK with support from our member municipalities and the Yaqan Nukiy (Lower Kootenay Band) was successful in receiving funds through the federal National Disaster Mitigation Program. The program was offered through the federal Public Safety Canada and administered by Emergency Management BC with 4 streams of funding. The last year for this program was in 2019. The RDCK in 2017 received funds up to \$500,000 to complete the risk prioritization study under the Stream 1 funding and also received up to \$3,000,000 in 2018 to complete the regional Flood Mapping study under Stream 2 which is due to be completed by March 31, 2020. The results of these projects are posted on our website and several of you were given access to Cambio Communities, a GIS web application prepared by BGC to display maps along with hazard ratings for water bodies including lakes, creeks and rivers in our region.

## **UPDATE ON LiDAR AND ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHY**

Parallel to these two initiatives RDCK staff working in collaboration with Provincial government staff and Columbia Basin Trust were able to pool funds to undertake a LiDAR project in 2017 and 2018 for the region to support the work BGC Engineering is doing as part of the Stream 1 and Stream 2 projects.

The LiDAR data was received in April 2019. However this data due to unforeseen circumstances did not include as much imagery as was anticipated compared to the LiDAR coverage. There are approximately 80 1:20,000 BCGS map sheets that have detailed LiDAR and digital elevation model (DEM) data available.

Since receipt of the LiDAR the data has remained unprocessed and therefore not useful for initiative in the region. This is primarily due to the lack of technology and capacity to do the work which is extensive. The LiDAR products we are hoping to access through the Union of British Columbia Community Emergency Preparedness Fund include:

- Contour lines suitable to regional and/or municipal usage at 5 meter and 25 meter contour lines.
- Hillshading with full coverage of the entire regional district at 5 m and 25 m resolution.
- Polygons identifying areas of high slope not suitable for building structures
- Building footprints derived from imagery
- Other feature extractions from the LiDAR data such as land cover specifications into natural features: water, grass, forest, bare land and human features: building footprints, roads, railways, parking lots, pavement, and sports fields.

Also missing is orthophotography that did not get captured due to lack of visibility from wildfire smoke in the region. There was some funds remaining from the CBT grant for \$67,000 which will be carried forward in the Geospatial Service S102 to be added to funds received.

Staff at the RDCK is seeking your support in partnering for the January 24, 2020 intake of the UBCM CEPF grant to complete this work.

GIS staff did receive a quote for LiDAR processing which will be approximately \$250,000.

## **INFORM RISK TOLERANCE POLICY**

A risk tolerance policy is anext step in the NHRRS. The approach to developing this policy will involve workshops led by BGC Engineering with staff, Board and Councils in the region to develop risk tolerance criteria. I have attached an example of BGC report to the Cowichan Valley Regional Districts defining risk tolerance policy and a recently adopted risk tolerance policy for the CVRD. This policy is based on lessons learned from other jurisdictions with risk tolerance policies such as Canmore in Alberta and District of North Vancouver. The regional district will workshop what a risk tolerance policy will be for the RDCK and its partner municipalities in the next phase of this strategy.

## **NEXT STEP**

I have spoken to most of you and would like to ask for your support to jointly apply for CEPF grant. If we all agree to partner then BGC Engineering and RDCK Geospatial Services Staff will prepare the application for the January 24<sup>th</sup> intake.

<https://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/lgps/community-emergency-preparedness-fund/flood-risk-assessment-mapping-mitigation-planning.html>

The proposed scope of work will include:

- Workshops/information sessions provided by the consultants to municipal staff and councils on the flood and hazard data generated through the NDMP projects
- Process the LiDAR data into a useful format for land use decisions, asset management and emergency response
- Workshop decision making criteria for risk tolerance related to hazards to inform a risk tolerance policy

We will require a resolution by your councils to enter into this partnership.

A sample municipal resolution is:

That the **(insert municipality)** supports an application for Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) - Flood Risk assessment, mapping and mitigation planning, submitted by the RDCK on behalf of the **(insert municipality)**, and further supports the RDCK to manage the grant funds for the project.

The RDCK resolution will be:

That the RDCK supports the submission of a regional application on behalf of the **(insert municipalities)** and agrees to be responsible for managing the grant application and funds.

Sincerely,

Sangita Sudan  
General Manager of Development Services



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TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: CAO  
SUBJECT: Affordable Housing Project  
DATE: January 9, 2020

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### **OPTIONS:**

- 1. Authorize the submission of the application**
2. Do not authorize the submission of the application

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Village of New Denver submit an application to CMHC for seed funding to assess the feasibility of developing 10 units of affordable housing on Lots 21-26, Block 51, DL549.

**BACKGROUND:** At the October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting, Council adopted the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the Village of New Denver support the New Denver & Area Housing Society's application to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for funding to study the feasibility of developing a minimum 10-unit housing project in New Denver.

At the November 29, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council and representatives of the New Denver & Area Housing Society and BC Housing discussed the project. Municipal lands in block 51 were identified as readily available, and having the Village take the lead on the project emerged as a possible strategy for strengthening the society's draft CMHC application.

On December 20, 2019 the Board of the New Denver & Area Housing Society met and indicated their support for having the Village take the lead on the project and make application directly to CMHC for financial assistance. The New Denver & Area Housing Society has expressed their desire to continue to collaborate with the Village on this project, which could be achieved by creating an advisory body tasked with making recommendations to Council.

**ANALYSIS:** The CMHC seed funding stream for new construction provides interest-free loans and/or non-repayable contributions to help with costs related to pre-development activities. This can include business plans, preliminary designs, development permits and more. In order to make an application to BC Housing for capital funding, additional documentation is required. The CMHC seed funding will be used to acquire the necessary documentation, including development of a business plan, financial analysis, geotechnical and engineering reports, appraisal, and design.

**LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK:** Nil

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Nil

**COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The Village of New Denver is not being asked to make any cash contributions to the proposed project.





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TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: CAO  
SUBJECT: Fire Department Service Levels  
DATE: January 9, 2020

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### **OPTIONS:**

1. Set the Fire Department Service Level as Interior
2. Set the Fire Department Service Level as Exterior
- 3. Set the Fire Department Service Level as Full Service**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Service Level for the New Denver and Area Fire Department be set as Full Service.

**BACKGROUND:** As the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), the Village of New Denver is required to establish service levels for fire department response. Options include Exterior Operations, Interior Operations or Full Service. The AHJ is required to ensure that the policies that guide fire department activities, including training and responses, are appropriate to the established service levels. The AHJ is permitted to identify the specific training that is associated with their chosen level of service, and is responsible for ensuring compliance. Failure to comply may result in legal liability for the AHJ.

The Village of New Denver is reviewing existing Fire Department policies to ensure that they are appropriate, and will enable safe and effective delivery of fire protection services. Designating a service level will guide revisions to the applicable policies.

At the December 12, 2019 Fire Department Committee Meeting, the following recommendation was made:

Moved by Chief Hicks and seconded that the Fire Department Committee recommend to Council that the Village of New Denver set the Service Level for the New Denver & Area Fire Department as Full Service.

**CARRIED**

**ANALYSIS:** Establishing the service level for the New Denver and Area Fire Department as Full Service will allow members of the department who have the required training to enter buildings as part of their response. If on a given response call there are not sufficient Interior trained personnel to safely effect an interior attack, the department will only provide exterior operations.

**LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK:** Fire Services Act

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Nil

**COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Nil



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FROM: CAO  
SUBJECT: ATACC Group Proposal – New Denver & Area Fire Department  
DATE: January 9, 2020

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### **OPTIONS:**

- 1. Refer participation in the ATACC Group program to the 2020 budget process**
2. Receive the recommendation from the Committee for information

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the New Denver & Area Fire Department's participation in the ATACC Group program be referred to the 2020 budget process.

**BACKGROUND:** The ATACC Group offers training and medical oversight for emergency responders, with the aim of improving pre-hospital medical care for patients. Dr. Sparrow would provide medical direction and clinical governance for the department, reviewing patient care reports and evaluating training programs to ensure that risks are adequately managed and responses are appropriate. The training levels of individual Fire Department members would be assessed by qualified medical professionals and this information will determine the allowable scope of practice on an individual basis. All department members are trained to a minimum standard that will allow basic response.

**ANALYSIS:** As there is no active Search and Rescue (SAR) group in the New Denver area, the Fire Department can provide road rescue and medical response. To protect the Village from liability, appropriate training must be provided, records must be kept and reviewed and governance policies must be developed. The proposed approach would address these requirements and fill known gaps in BC Ambulance Service's local response capability to ensure optimal pre-hospital care for area residents and visitors.

**LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK:** Emergency Program Act and related legislation

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Nil

**COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The costs associated with participation in this program are estimated at approximately \$3000 annually.