



AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 28, 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 April 28, 2020, Regular Meeting.

MINUTES: - Resolution to adopt the Minutes of the April 14, 2020, Regular Meeting

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: - Nil

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: -

OLD BUSINESS: - Nil

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

- Fire First Responders and COVID (*BC Ministry of Health - Ian Rongve, Assistant Deputy Minister*)
- SDCC Meeting Agenda (*Slocan Valley District Chamber of Commerce*)
- BC Gaming Grant Correspondence (*Village of Hazelton - Mayor Dennis Sterritt*)
- Letter to Municipalities Re: Farmers' Markets - Essential Service (*BC Association of Farmers' Markets - Heather O'Hara*)
- CIP/AAP Grant Program (*RDCK - Mike Morrison, Manager of Corporate Administration*)
- RER Survey COVID-19 - Engagement Card (*University of British Columbia (UBC)- Jude Kornelsen, Co-Director, Centre for Rural Health Research*)
- AKBLG Update (*AKBLG - Roly Russell, President*)

STAFF REPORTS: - Nil

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 -
- Health Advisory Committee

NEW BUSINESS:

- Letter to Kootenay Savings Credit Union RE: Temporary Closure
- Committee of the Whole Discussion – 2020 Budget
 - Resolution required to dissolve in to Committee of the Whole
 - Resolution required to rise and report

MOTION TO EXCLUDE:

- Moved by Councillor _____ and seconded that the public interest requires that, as per sections 90(1) (e) and (l) of the *Community Charter*, persons other than members of Council and the CAO be excluded from the meeting as it pertains to land matters and discussions regarding the preparation of the Annual Report.

RECONVENE IN CAMERA:

- Moved by Councillor _____ and seconded that Council recess and reconvene in camera at _____ p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING:

- Moved by Councillor _____ and seconded that Council reconvene in open meeting at _____ p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT
FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA:**

- Moved by Councillor _____ and seconded that Resolution#_____ be brought forward to the public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Resolution to adjourn the meeting at ____ p.m.



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: April 14, 2020
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers

PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #85

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the agenda for the April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #86

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the Minutes of the March 24, 2020 Regular Meeting be adopted as read.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #87

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the Minutes of the March 27, 2020 Special Meeting be adopted as read.

CARRIED

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

- Nil

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

- Nil

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nil

CORRESPONDENCE FOR
INFORMATION:

RESOLUTION #88

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the following correspondence be received for information:
 - BC Hydro Response to COVID-19 (*BC Hydro - Mary Anne Coules, Stakeholder Engagment Advisor*)
 - CBT CIP/AAP 2020 (*RDCK - Nancy Kalawsky, Acting Grants Coordinator*)
 - Columbia River Treaty Update (*Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee*)
 - Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuit (*City of Prince George - Mayor Lyn Hall*)

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS:**RESOLUTION #89**

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the following reports be received for information:
 - Slocan Valley Economic Development Progress Report March 2020

CARRIED

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Verbal Reports

- Mayor Casley reported on his phone call earlier today with the VP of Kootenay Savings Credit Union regarding the temporary closure of the New Denver branch.

Regional District of Central Kootenay

- Nil

West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District

- Nil

Recreation Commission #6

- Nil

Economic Development Commission

- Nil

Rosebery Trails & Parklands Commission

- Nil

Treaty Advisory Committee

- Nil

Fire Department Committee

- Nil

Health Advisory Committee

- Nil

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Moss declared a conflict on interest and absented himself from the meeting at 7:20 p.m. as he is on the executive of the group making the request of Council.

RESOLUTION #90

Request for Grant-in-Aid (*New Denver Hopsice Society – Colin Moss, Director*)

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the Village of New Denver provide up to \$1500 of in-kind assistance to the Community COVID Action Team.

CARRIED

Councillor Moss returned to the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

RESOLUTION #91

Request for Changes to Garbage Collection Schedule (*Tom Taylor, New Denver*)

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the correspondence from Mr. Taylor be received for information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION #92

- Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR CASLEY

CORPORATE OFFICER



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TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: CAO
SUBJECT: Communications for Information
DATE: April 24, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following correspondence be received for information:

- Fire First Responders and COVID (*BC Ministry of Health - Ian Rongve, Assistant Deputy Minister*)
- SDCC Meeting Agenda (*Slocan Valley District Chamber of Commerce*)
- BC Gaming Grant Correspondence (*Village of Hazelton - Mayor Dennis Sterritt*)
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- AKBLG Update (*AKBLG - Roly Russell, President*)



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April 10, 2020

Dear Mayors and Electoral Area Directors:

Over the past few days, the Ministry of Health has received a number of concerns from our valued partners related to how BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) is expected to collaborate with fire first responders in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As you may be aware, at the direction of Dr. Bonnie Henry, Public Health Officer (PHO), BCEHS advised the Fire Chiefs Association of BC of several temporary changes on March 31, 2020.

These measures aim to support the province's ongoing efforts to effectively manage our personal protective equipment (PPE) resources and to reduce fire first responder COVID-19 exposure – while continuing to ensure we provide high quality pre-hospital care. This decision was not taken lightly and was not considered until after there was evidence of community spread within the province.

As in any emergency situation, communication is critical, and this is why I write to you today in relation to the numerous concerns we have heard. I thank you for taking time to bring your concerns forward in these uniquely busy times.

On April 5, 2020, the Ministry of Health, including Dr. Bonnie Henry, hosted a conversation with stakeholders from BCEHS, Fire Chiefs Association of BC, and the BC Fire Commissioner to address outstanding issues. Below are areas where the group was able to reach a shared understanding and consensus.

PPE Access for Fire First Responders

The province is currently working across the system to effectively manage stocks of PPE. The services paramedics and fire first responders provide are invaluable – we need to be able to ensure they can provide these services safely.

Purple Calls

“Purple” calls are those coded for the patients in need of quickest attention. There were concerns that the PHO directive would affect *if* fire departments would be dispatched for all purple calls and if timeliness of calls would be impacted.

It has been routine in BC that both paramedics and fire first responders are dispatched immediately for “purple” calls. This has not changed.

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Residents Need High Quality Timely Pre-Hospital Care

The Ministry of Health heard concerns regarding which “red” calls would no longer be sent to fire first responders. Decision on what types of calls will be solely attended by BCEHS were made with great care and upon the best practice medical advice received. It is worth noting over the past few weeks that, while we all live and work in this new way, BCEHS has seen a decrease in calls – which contributes to their continued ability to provide timely care.

It is acknowledged by the Ministry of Health and BCEHS this may evolve over time and continued dialogue with the Fire Chiefs Association of BC will support best outcomes for patients.

Rural Access to Pre-Hospital Care

First responders play an integral role in providing pre-hospital care, particularly in rural communities. The Ministry of Health heard rural areas may be at a higher risk of inequality if fire first responders are attending fewer calls. This concern is acknowledged, and further dialogue is needed to ensure those living in rural areas of the province can continue to rely on high quality, timely pre-hospital care.

Working through Evolving Relationships

The Ministry of Health heard about ongoing concerns regarding the ways that the health system works with communities and fire first responders. As you may be aware, the Ministry of Health and BCEHS attended UBCM in the fall 2019, and the Rural Area Directors Forum in February 2020, and made commitments to work with you all to redefine how we collaborate to provide high quality care throughout the province. The Ministry of Health and BCEHS remain committed to this important work.

It is important to clarify as we continue to work together through this pandemic, the goals of the PHO’s directives are to effectively manage PPE and to reduce the risk of exposure of fire first responders to COVID-19.

Moving forward, to ensure ongoing dialogue, Ministry of Health, BCEHS, the Fire Chiefs Association of BC, and the BC Fire Commissioner will meet weekly to address the outstanding issues above as well as issues as they arise. Additionally, BCEHS is meeting with individual fire chiefs daily, and as needed to work through local issues.

Again, I thank you for taking the time to raise the issues that you have. I can assure you that staff at the Ministry of Health, all of government, and the public sector are working tirelessly to effectively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I hope you have found this information helpful. If you have any further questions, please contact Derek Rains, A/Executive Director, Provincial Services at (250) 952-3008 or via email at Derek.Rains@gov.bc.ca.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you, particularly the paramedics and fire first responders on the front lines of this important work.

Sincerely,



Ian Rongve, Ph.D.

Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Chief Administrative Officers
Neil Lilley, Senior Provincial Executive Director, BCEHS
Darlene MacKinnon, Chief Operating Officer, BCEHS
Susan Wannamaker, Executive Vice President, PHSA
Dan Derby, President of the Fire Chiefs Association of BC
Brian Godlonton, BC Fire Commissioner
Brian Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer



REGULAR BOARD MEETING - AGENDA

Thursday, April 9, 2020

6:30 p.m. Online

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

1. Adopt Agenda of April 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
2. Approve Minutes of February 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
3. Receive Financials
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a) Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives Grant Applications
 - b) Slocan Valley Community Legacy Society 'Get Your Just Desserts'
 - c) 2020 SVCC Budget
 - d) 2020 Visitor Centre Season
 - e) Membership Policy & 2020 Invoices
 - f) Covid-19 Correspondence
 - g) SVCC KSCU Account Access
 - h) SVCC Credit Card Holder
5. Reports
 - a) Membership Committee
 - b) Health Committee
 - c) WKRTA / ASTA
 - d) Website Committee
 - e) Resident / Business Attraction Project
 - f) Winlaw Committee
 - g) Staffing Committee
 - h) Slocan's Community Economic Resilience Workshop (Clarence)
6. Correspondence
7. New Business
 - a) Committee appointments
8. Email Vote Ratification
 - a) Staffing
 - b) Dark Water Dragons Letter of Support
9. Strategic Planning
 - a) Support the business community
 - b) Contribute toward resident attraction and retention
 - c) Contribute toward economic sustainability of the area
10. Adjournment

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April 15, 2020

File: 0550-01

****Sent Via Email****

Dear Mayor and Council

Re: BC Gaming Grant

In British Columbia (B.C.), it is difficult for communities under 10,000 to have access to funds for programs and services in relation to Arts and Culture, Sport, Public Safety, Environment and Social Services. We understand that smaller communities do not all have gaming facilities, but this does not mean that members in our communities do not travel and spend money in communities that do have gaming facilities.

The Province of B.C. has already committed to revenue sharing with First Nations under this Program, why not extend this to communities under 10,000? Having the opportunity to apply for the Community Gaming Grants would benefit small communities and would support the delivery of ongoing (and/or new) programs.

The Village of Hazelton Council asks your Council to endorse the following resolution and support the resolution at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention.

"THAT the Council of the Village of Hazelton supports the recommendation that communities under 10,000 in B.C. should be considered to be eligible to apply for the Community Gaming Grants Program for Arts and Culture, Sport, Public Safety, Environment and/or Social Services".

We hope that you will join the Village of Hazelton, with your support, we hope to achieve the possibilities of municipalities under 10,000 to be able to apply for the BC Gaming Grant.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Dennis Sterritt
Mayor



April 16th, 2020

From: Heather O'Hara – Executive Director
BC Association of Farmers' Markets (BCAFM)

To: Mayors, Councilors & Regional District Officials

RE: Farmers' Markets are Essential Services under BC State of Emergency

Dear Mayors, Councilors and Officials,

The BC Association of Farmers' Markets is sending this letter on behalf of our 145+ member farmers' markets which operate in each of your communities across BC. Please share this information with relevant municipal and district staff and stakeholders.

As recognized by the BC Centre for Disease Control and Provincial Health Officer, on March 26th, 2020 the Ministry of Health designated farmers' markets as essential food and agriculture service providers. Farmers' markets are exempt from the mass gathering order: however, they must comply with physical distancing requirements.

BCAFM and BCCDC continue to work together as our farmers' markets modify their operations to ensure the health and safety of consumers, market organizers and vendors across BC. The most current guidelines and restrictions on the safe operations of farmers' markets can be found on the BCCDC website and this farmers' markets landing page:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/community-settings/farmers-markets>

Since the outset of the COVID-19 crisis, BCAFM and each one of our member markets have been proactive and demonstrated great leadership in your communities. Please visit the BCAFM website for our response to COVID-19 and see how all the ways farmers' markets are responding:

<https://bcfarmersmarket.org/bcafm-covid19/>

Like always, your market organizers and vendors are resilient and taking concrete steps to ensure your local community has access to local food. Furthermore, the livelihoods of your local farmers and food vendors rely on farmers market as a critical and vital direct sales channel to local customers to sustain their livelihoods and directly support your local economy. Right now, we are seeing the demand for local food in your community is increasing daily at our markets.

BC Farmers' Market Online Initiative

BC Farmers' Markets Online is a new e-commerce initiative launched by BCAFM and member markets in response to COVID-19 to support member farmers' markets of the BC Association of Farmers' Markets. This online e-commerce platform enables farmers' market vendors to sell their products through their new farmers' market online store, *in addition* to their modified



physical market locations on the ground. Each market is unique in its operations, and BC Farmers' Markets Online will reflect this diversity. For example, each market may vary in how products are delivered or picked up and how they manage their online store in addition to and as a complement to their physical markets. Participation in BC Farmers' Markets Online is voluntary and does not necessarily replace a physical market. Additionally, for various reasons individual markets may determine not to develop an online market for the moment.

Visit the **BC Farmers' Market Trail website** to find and promote your local farmers' market and to determine which markets have now launched their online stores. Check back often as we expect **80+** markets to offer an additional online store feature for their local customers across the province this season in addition to their physical market locations which continue to be a food retail channel and critical pick up and distribution point supporting this e-commerce initiative.

BC Farmers' Market Trail <https://bcfarmersmarkettrail.com>

BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program

As you may know, each year BCAFM together with participating farmers' markets deliver the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in participating communities with funding support from the Ministry of Health and Provincial Health Services Authority. In 2019, this program delivered **\$1.4M** in farm, fresh food to over **15,000** pregnant women, seniors and low income families in your community and across BC directly from your local farmers' market. BCAFM is adapting this program to work with modified participating farmers' markets on the ground and online for the 2020 season. In order for this program to operate in your community, your farmers' market must continue to operate in 2020.

Municipal & Regional District Support

Farmers' Markets are doing their part. Municipalities and regional districts can do your part to ensure local food is available and accessible. Together we can do this now and for the future.

- First and foremost, allow your farmers' markets to operate.
- As markets modify their operations, be flexible, administratively efficient and supportive of changing space and location requirements for the sake of local customers and market organizers. This includes providing new, additional or different spaces for your market to operate.
- Provide access to handwashing and washroom facilities.
- Provide access to underused equipment, infrastructure eg; barricades, pylons, ropes and other equipment and infrastructure markets can use on the ground to manage market spaces.
- Provide financial support. You should know that as all markets are required to modify their physical operations and are limited to food only vendors, their operating revenues are greatly reduced. Conversely, the work and time required of market organizers to modify markets and build their online store has been dramatically increased.
- Provide municipal in kind staff and volunteer support on the ground to market organizers.



- Market and promote your local farmers' market as an essential place for residents to purchase food locally and sustain your farmers and food entrepreneurs.

Reach Out

As always, we encourage our member farmers' markets to reach out to their municipal and regional districts. We invite you to do the same and reach out to your local farmers' market organizers and see how you can lend a hand.

Your farmers' markets need your support today more than ever. Working together we will ensure access to local food in your community today and tomorrow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. O'Hara', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heather O'Hara
Executive Director
BC Association of Farmers' Markets



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Board Report

Date of Report: April 1, 2020
Date & Type of Meeting: April 16, 2020 Open Regular Board Meeting
Authors: Mike Morrison , Manager of Corporate Administration
Subject: CIP/AAP GRANT PROGRAM- OPTIONS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
File: 05-1835

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to explain the current situation with CIP/AAP grants and to outline options for completing the required public input processes to award these grants in 2020 for Board consideration to .

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

At the March 19 RDCK Board meeting, the Board postponed the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) Community Initiatives Program and Affected Areas Program (CIP/AAP) public engagement meetings scheduled for April 2020 by way of the following resolution:

Resolution 215/20

That all public meetings related to the Columbia Basin Trust Affected Areas and Community Initiatives grant programs scheduled for April 2020 be postponed indefinitely; AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to develop a scope and methodology for receiving community input on grant applications by online means, for Board consideration at the April 2020 Board meeting.

As reported at the March Board meeting, the RDCK and CBT staff agree it is preferable that the 2020 CIP/AAP grant processes continue with as little delay as possible. As our funding partner, it is CBT's goal that funds are distributed to communities as soon as reasonably possible. Their only limitation with the granting process is that the public is still given an opportunity to provide feedback on eligible proposals. The RDCK is contracted to administer the CIP/AAP program on behalf of the CBT. While historically there has been a great deal of variety within the RDCK areas as to how community input into grant award is received, the Board may direct that specific public input processes occur in place of the typical processes used in each community.

At the request of the RDCK, and with the direction provided in the above-referenced resolution, the CBT has been working to create an online public engagement tool. The details of that engagement tool are outlined below in Option 1.

It is not feasible for staff to devise unique or customized methods for public input for each or any of the 22 CIP/AAP areas within the RDCK. Whether it be an online engagement tool, or another process method, staff strongly recommend that the Board approves a single methodology for receiving public input to be used for all Areas to ensure that all applicants are given the same opportunity for accessing CIP/AAP funding in 2020.

The Regional Districts of Kootenay Boundary and East Kootenay also administer CIP/AAP funds. Both regional districts have received approval from their respective Boards to proceed with online processes to meet the public input requirements. Those processes are happening shortly. The RDCK and City of Revelstoke are currently the only CBT funding partners that have not finalized a plan to move forward with the CIP/AAP process.

There may be 2020 applications that are now not relevant. For instance funding request for gatherings and events. Given the CBT's desire that the grant award processes continue despite many of the applicant project scope and timing changing due to the COVID-19 situation, CBT is not considering reopening the application process to allow changes to the projects prior to 2020 grant awards. The RDCK has the ability to be flexible with adjusting project completion dates and scope after the 2020 grants are awarded. For projects that will not proceed as describes in the grant application, applicants will be requested to either submit a scope change or to return the grant funds.

SECTION 3: DETAILED ANALYSIS

a. Financial Considerations – Cost and Resource Allocations:

Included in Financial Plan: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Financial Plan Amendment: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Debt Bylaw Required: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Public/Gov't Approvals req'd: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

The current five-year Contribution Agreement states that all funds must be distributed by February 15, 2021.

b. Legislative Considerations (Applicable Policies and/or Bylaws):

None at this time

c. Environmental Considerations:

None at this time

d. Social Considerations:

In a typical year more than three hundred local non-profit and community groups receive CIP/AAP funds. Delay in disbursing funds may significantly impact their operations and the overall community benefit provided by these groups.

e. Economic Considerations:

Given the economic impact of the COVID-19 situation throughout the region, the funds disbursed through the CIP / AAP program will support economic activity in smaller local economies. CBT staff have indicated a strong preference to disburse funds without delay specifically to help our communities in these challenging economic times.

f. Communication Considerations:

Any decision of the Board will be communicated immediately by media release and applicant organizations will be notified. CBT will also assist with communications.

g. Staffing/Departmental Workplan Considerations:

The Acting Grants Coordinator is currently in a 'holding pattern' with the CIP/AAP program awaiting Board direction and can immediately act when this direction is received. The recommended action of using a single online engagement process developed by CBT can be accommodated within current staff resources. Separate alternative engagement processes for any or all RDCK areas cannot be accommodated with current resources.

The planned transition in Grants Coordinator staffing is delayed for now. The incoming Grants Coordinator is currently supporting the Fire Services and Emergency Operations Center exclusively. The outgoing (Acting) Grants Coordinator will continue to assist until an orderly transition in staffing is desirable and feasible.

h. Board Strategic Plan/Priorities Considerations:

The recommended actions align with the Strengthen our Relationships with our Community Partners strategic priority

SECTION 4: OPTIONS & PROS / CONS

Option 1- Proceed with using the CBT online engagement tool for all areas

"That for 2020 the RDCK receive community input into the award of Community Initiative Program and Affected Areas Program grants using the Columbia Basin Trust's online engagement tool for all communities"

This option is staff's strongly preferred option and would entail the following components:

Notification

- Public will be notified by newspaper ads referring to the website and deadlines for input.
- Public will also be notified by notices posted on our website.
- Applicants will be notified by email.

Engagement Process

- Public goes to the website, click on a link to a specific Electoral or Municipal Area
- This redirects the person to a webpage with one PDF document which contains all proposals (in limited fashion) for that particular Area in alphabetical order.
- The goal of the public engagement is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide input grant awards. Engagement cannot be guaranteed and therefore, there will be no threshold for the number of responses. All responses will be included and considered.

Proposal information available for public review (see attached example).

1. Organization Name
2. Project Title
3. Project Location (Area):
4. Funding Requested
5. Project Budget Information
6. What will this project provide?
7. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to?

Questions for Public Engagement:

1. Do you approve of this project? Yes or No
2. Please provide any comments or feedback you may have for the Selection Committee on this specific proposal.

Adjudication Committees

- Each Director must form a Selection Committee based on the Terms of Reference provided.
- The results of the above public engagement feedback will be provided to each Director to share with their Committee
- Each Selection Committee commits to reviewing and considering the public engagement feedback before deciding on whether to support a proposal or not.
- Selection Committee recommendations for grant awards will be provided to the Grants Coordinator

Proposed Timelines:

May 1 – May 15	Engagement tool open for feedback
May 15	Selection Committees are in place
May 18 – May 22	Public engagement results compiled prepared for Selection Committee review
May 25 – May 29	Committees meet to deliberate recommendations. Send to recommendations to Grants Coordinator immediately
June 1	Last day for Selection Committee recommendations sent to Grants Coordinator
June 2 – June 8	Recommendation results prepared for Board – 5 days
June 18	Board Meeting for approval

Directors should note that CBT staff are awaiting RDCK confirmation to proceed with developing the online engagement tool. Therefore a timely decision from the RDCK Board is requested

Option 2. Proceed with using the CBT online engagement tool, with some areas opting out

“ That for 2020 the RDCK receive community input into the award of Community Initiative Program and Affected Areas Program grants using the Columbia Basin Trust’s online engagement tool for all communities except_____”

This option is essentially the same as Option 1 but would allow those areas that would prefer to delay the award so that their normal processes can be followed the freedom to do so. Key considerations with this option are:

- Staff recommend that those areas opting out delay their award of 2020 funds. It is possible that individual processes could be run later in the year, but staffs ability to support this would depend on the number of areas opting out and timing of those processes
- If normal community processes cannot occur in 2020, as outlined in the Contribution Agreement, the RDCK has until February 2021 to distribute 2020 grant funds.
- Those areas opting out must run their normal processes for community input. Staff will not develop alternative online processes (e.g. online voting or surveys) specifically for these areas
- Directors should be aware that many applicants request funds from multiple areas, and projects may be contingent on these multiple grant awards. Many challenges (communications, administration etc...) could arise from funds being awarded in some areas but not in adjacent areas. This option is not recommended by staff but is presented to the Board as a possible solution if required

Option 3 – Postpone CIP/AAP Grant Awards Indefinitely

"That the public engagement processes necessary for awarding Community Initiative Program and Affected Areas Program grants in 2020 be postponed indefinitely due to the COVID-19 situation, with staff to update the Board on a revised schedule once the provincial restrictions on public gatherings are sufficiently revised to allow normal community award processes to occur"

Key consideration with this option are :

- It is uncertain when public gathering restrictions will be lifted, but once they are, a minimum six weeks lead time would be required before meetings could be held.
- If normal community processes cannot occur in 2020, as outlined in the Contribution Agreement, the RDCK has until February 2021 to distribute 2020 grant funds. Delay or outright cancellation of 2020 funding award would have substantial impacts on applicant organizations.

SECTION 5: RECOMMENDATION(S)

That for 2020 the RDCK receive community input into the award of Community Initiative Program and Affected Areas Program grants using the Columbia Basin Trust's online engagement tool for all communities

Respectfully submitted,

Signature:



Mike Morrison, Manager of Corporate Administration

CONCURRENCE

Initials:

Chief Administrative Officer

From: [Rural Evidence Review](#)
To: office@newdenver.ca
Subject: UBC Survey-Rural Community Responses to COVID-19 in BC
Date: April 23, 2020 4:04:36 PM
Attachments: [pastedImage.png](#)
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[RER Survey - Engagement Card - COVID-19 PDF.pdf](#)



Dear Village of New Denver,

I am writing to you from the Centre for Rural Health Research, within UBC's Department of Family Practice. You might remember, our team reached out to you in the past to share information about an ongoing research study to understand rural and remote community priorities for health care across British Columbia: the Rural Evidence Review (RER) project. The Rural Evidence Review has funding under Canada's Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research and through the Rural Coordination Centre of BC to work with rural citizens to provide high-quality and useful evidence for rural health care planning in BC. To do this, we ask rural citizens about the health care priorities that matter the most to their communities and share what we learn with policy- and decision-makers, and rural communities across the province. The RER is being led by Dr. Jude Kornelsen, Co-Director of the Centre for Rural Health Research and Associate Professor within the Department of Family Practice at the University of British Columbia.

To learn more about the RER and our team, please visit our website at the following links:

- [The RER](#)
- [The Research Team](#)

Thank you for your support to share information about the project with the residents of your communities – we are so grateful! Through telephone interviews and an online survey, our team has heard from more than 1,800 people across 211 rural BC communities about their health care needs and priorities.

We, as a research centre, recognize the importance and we prioritize local ("ground up") solutions to address the health care challenges and priorities confronting rural and remote BC communities. In light of the coronavirus outbreak leading to the current COVID-19 pandemic,

our team in partnership with the [BC Rural Health Network](#) has created a brief, anonymous survey to learn from rural and remote BC communities about their experiences and responses to COVID-19. We will use the findings to understand rural community solutions and resiliency in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. The findings will be shared with participating rural and remote BC communities, to support learning and collaboration across communities. Additionally, the findings will be shared with the BC Ministry of Health and the Health Authorities to support rural health care planning.

I have attached an 'engagement card' with more information about the survey.

The survey can be found here: <http://bit.ly/RERCOVID-19>. The survey is available on an ongoing basis, with no established end date. We would be most appreciative if you could share information about the COVID-19-focused survey, including the link to access the survey and the attached engagement card, with your community.

Thank you for your time and your support.

Sincerely,

The RER Team

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What is the Rural Evidence Review project?

The goal of the Rural Evidence Review project is to work with rural citizens and communities to provide high quality, useful evidence for rural health care planning in British Columbia.

Who are we?

We are a team of researchers from the Centre for Rural Health Research in the Department of Family Practice at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Jude Kornelsen is the project's Principal Investigator.

How can you be involved?

We need your help to understand rural and remote B.C. communities' experiences of and responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19: Share Your Experiences

(1) **Take our Survey.** Please answer a few questions at the following link to share your experiences of COVID-19 with the research team: <http://bit.ly/RERCOVID-19>

(2) **Research Interview.** You are invited to participate in a confidential interview with our team to discuss your experiences of COVID-19. If you are interested, please contact the Project Coordinator at the email listed below.

(3) **Contact Us.** Please contact the Project Coordinator at any time to learn more about the study and to discuss your experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Christine Carthew, Project Coordinator
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April 20, 2020

Dear AKBLG member representatives, sponsors, and partners.

Certainly, you've all been busy managing this ever-changing current context that we find ourselves within. I hope that you have all found some reasons for optimism and new sources of agility to help weather this pandemic safely and productively. These are remarkable times!

The AKBLG Executive has been working to determine how best to pivot from our routine and add value to our membership. We have a few points to update you on at this time:

1. AGM: We have postponed our AGM until the autumn. This will include financial approvals and elections of the executive, and other tasks of our annual business meeting. Our AGM may be delivered virtually or physically, and may be associated with the autumn UBCM convention; we will wait for a little more clarity on how things unfold over the weeks to come before committing to these details.
2. Resolutions: We have decided to provide an opportunity for member representatives to engage on our resolutions via a simplified virtual engagement that will allow for member representatives to (a) voice their support, or not, for the resolutions presented, as well as (b) prioritise the most important resolutions to help focus our AKBLG advocacy efforts on your behalf. All resolutions submitted to AKBLG will go forward to UBCM.
3. Financial update: Our reserves allowed us to absorb the losses associated with cancelling our convention, and AKBLG remains in a comfortable financial position. Detailed reporting will be provided at our AGM.
4. 2021 Convention: We are thrilled to be meeting in Radium Hot Springs April 23-25 next year (2021). Please save the date now!
5. 2020 Fall Workshop: We have been planning a member workshop in the fall in Kaslo for October 8th, 2020, focused on Community Engagement. More details to come!

We all sincerely hope that our Kootenay and Boundary communities are feeling safe and as healthy as can be during these extraordinary times. The value of local governments for our communities is even more evident in times such as these.

Please take care and stay well--

Roly Russell, AKBLG President

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

SUBMITTED BY: Catherine Allaway, CAO

DATE: April 24, 2020

SUBJECT: LETTER TO KSCU RE: TEMPORARY CLOSURE

PURPOSE: To seek Council's authorization to send a letter to the Kootenay Savings Credit Union

RECOMMENDATION:

That a letter be sent to the Kootenay Savings Credit Union expressing the Village's concerns regarding the temporary closure of the New Denver branch.

ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:

1. Do nothing – no further action will be taken by staff

ANALYSIS:

- A. Background:** Effective Tuesday, April 14, 2020, the New Denver branch of the Kootenay Savings Credit Union (KSCU) closed temporarily due to COVID-19. This temporary closure has had an impact on the Village of New Denver's business activities, as well as the activities of many other local businesses and residents. Very little notice was provided by KSCU regarding this closure. Information about the planned duration of the closure has not been made available.
- B. Discussion:** This temporary closure has resulted in significant inconvenience for local businesses and residents. The Village has had to modify the arrangements for depositing funds, obtaining change or petty cash and accessing the safety deposit box. Some residents do not have ATM cards and so have no means of accessing their funds. Telebanking solutions have been offered, but are not ideal for those individuals with hearing impairments and have the disadvantage of not producing a written record of the transaction.
- C. Legislative Framework:** Nil
- D. Attachments:** Nil
- E. Council Strategic Priority:** Nil
- F. Communication Strategy:** Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Nil