AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING			
DATE:	October 12, 2021		
TIME:	7:00 p.m.		
PLACE:	Council Chambers		
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 October 12, 2021, Regular Meeting. 		
MINUTES:	 Resolution to adopt the Minutes of the September 14, 2021, Regular Meeting 		
PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:	 Cyril Wolgien & neighbors – back lane between 10th and 11th Ave on Columbia St 		
PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:			
OLD BUSINESS:			
CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:	: - Resolution to receive the following items for information:		
	 Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program – September 2021 News Invasive Species Council of BC – 2021 Invasive Species Research Conference Castlegar & District Community Services Society – Kootenay Rent Bank RDMW – Challenge to local governments to donate to Village of Lytton RDCK – Wildlife Mitigation Board Report RDCK – September 2021 Board Highlights FCM – Sustainable Communities Conference 		

STAFF REPORTS:

Theresa Tremaine	~	Letter of Support for Kellan Hatanaka's Canada Council for the Arts project
Jessica Rayner	121	Requests for back lane access
	-	Burning Bylaw review
COUNCIL REPORTS:		

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Verbal Reports	<u>ن</u>	
Regional District of Central Kootenay	-	
West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District	5	
Recreation Commission #6	×	
Economic Development Commission	Ħ	
Rosebery Parklands & Trail Commission	2	
Treaty Advisory Committee	-	
Fire Department Committee	×	
Health Advisory Committee	÷	
Sustainability Committee	-	
NEW BUSINESS:		
Kootenay Lake Transit	×	Letter of Consent Bylaw 2707
Appoint Approving Officer	1 H	Resolution to appoint
Pumps, piping & valves tender	1	Award tender for Denver Siding pumphouse piping, valves & pumps
Procedures Bylaw Amendment		1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd readings
Electronic Meetings Policy	(F	Adopt Policy
Fees & Charges Amendment By-Law	. 	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd readings

602 Slocan OCP Amendment	×	3 rd & Final reading
602 Slocan Zoning Amendment	-	3 rd & Final reading
NIMC Rear Yard Set back	-	Development Variance Permit
Council Remuneration Bylaw	R	Reconsider & Adopt
Woodstove Exchange	2	Request to participate in the 2022 program
Centennial Park	-	Review and accept Master Plan
KSCU Authorized Users	÷	Add & remove authorized users
	-	
MOTION TO EXCLUDE:		
	3 8	Moved by Councillor
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.

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MINU	TES – REGULAR MEETING
DATE:	September 14, 2021
TIME:	7:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Council Chambers
PRESENT:	- Mayor Leonard Casley
	Councillor John Fyke
	Councillor Vern Gustafson
	Councillor Colin Moss
	Councillor Gerald Wagner
	Lisa Scott, CAO
	Rebecca Sargent, Accounting Clerk
	Press: Valley Voice
CALL TO ORDER:	Mayor Casley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m
INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:	- Nil
ADOPTION OF AGENDA:	
RESOLUTION #157	 Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the agenda for the September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented. CARRIED
MINUTES:	
RESOLUTION #158	 Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the Minutes of the August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting be adopted as read. CARRIED
PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:	- Nil
PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:	- Nil
OLD BUSINESS:	- Nil

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:

RESOLUTION #159	-	Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the items for correspondence and information be received as information. CARRIED
STAFF REPORTS:		
Colin McClure, CFO	-	The 2 nd Quarter Financial Report was submitted and presented.
RESOLUTION# 160	π	Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that the Council of the Village of New Denver submit an application to the Reopening Fund for Heritage Organizations on behalf of the Nikkei Interment Memorial Centre. CARRIED
COUNCIL REPORTS:		
Verbal Reports	-	Councillor Wagner reported that the public is pleased that the Mori Trail has been fixed.
	ē	Councillor Gustafson recommended asking the RCMP to patrol the Slocan Valley more often in response the frequency of accidents and near misses due to vehicles pulling out onto the highway when it is unsafe to do so.
	-	Councillor Gustafson expressed concern about the Kokanee count and the condition of the Kokanee Fishery.
Regional District of Central Kootenay	æ	Nil
West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District	-	Nil
Recreation Commission #6	-1	Councillor Fyke reported that they are still working on reopening the gym.

Village of New Denver	Minutes – Septem	ber	r 14, 2021 Regular Meeting
Economic Development Con	nmission -		Meeting scheduled for September 20, 2021
Rosebery Trails & Parklands	Commission -		Councillor Wagner reported there has been a delay in getting the cable car operational on the Galena Trail. They are hoping to have it fixed by next summer.
Treaty Advisory Committee	-		Nil
Fire Department Committee	-		Nil
Health Advisory Committee	-		Nil
Sustainability Committee	-		Nil
NEW BUSINESS:			
RESOLUTION #161 Website	-		Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the Council of the Village of New Denver accept the proposal and quote submitted by Maverick Design to re-design, update and implement a new website for the Village of New Denver. CARRIED
RESOLUTION #162 Old Landfill	-		Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that we proceed with Tasks 1 to 3 of Stage 2 of the former landfill site investigation as per the quote submitted by Bear Environmental Ltd. CARRIED
RESOLUTION #163 All-Net Meetings	-		Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that Council for the Village of New Denver purchase the All-Net Meetings program. CARRIED
RESOLUTION #164 Council Remuneration Bylaw	-	(Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that Council for the Village of New Denver give first, second and third reading to Bylaw 737. CARRIED
RESOLUTION #165	-	١	Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the Village of New Denver partner with the Village of Silverton and the Village of Slocan in an application to

the UBCM CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program for funding up to \$450,000; and further that the Village of Silverton be designated as the lead proponent in this application. CARRIED

MOTION TO EXCLUDE:

RESOLUTION #166- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the
public interest requires that, as per sections 90(1) (a)
and (c) 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 municipal objectives relating to
labour relations.

CARRIED

RECONVENE IN CAMERA: RESOLUTION #167 - Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that Council recess and reconvene in camera at 8:15 p.m. CARRIED RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING: - Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that Council reconvene in open meeting at 9:55 p.m. CARRIED ADJOURNMENT: - Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m. CARRIED

MAYOR CASLEY

CORPORATE OFFICER



MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING

SI LUIAL MILLIINU		
DATE:	September 21, 2021	
TIME:	7:25 p.m.	
PLACE:	Council Chambers	

<u>PRESENT:</u>	-	Mayor Leonard Casley Councillor John Fyke Councillor Gerald Wagner Councillor Colin Moss Lisa Scott, CAO
CALL TO ORDER:	-	Mayor Casley called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.
INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:	-	Nil
ADOPTION OF AGENDA:		
RESOLUTION #172	-	Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the agenda for the September 21, 2021 Special Meeting be adopted as presented. CARRIED
NEW BUSINESS:		
RESOLUTION # 173		Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the we provide a Letter of Support, in principle, for the Resource Recovery Plan proposed by the Regional District of Central Kootenay, and that the Letter also identify areas of concern within the proposed plan that will require further discussion and approval prior to implementation. Mayor Casley - against Councillor Fyke - for Councillor Moss - for Councillor Wagner - for CARRIED
RESOLUTION #174	-	Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m. CARRIED

MAYOR CASLEY

September 23, 2021

Dear Mayor Casley and Councillors Fyke, Gustafson, Moss, and Wagner;

Re: proposed opening of laneway in Block 54, Plan 557 (south side of 1213 Columbia Street)

These submissions are on behalf of Cyril and Monica Wolgien, Bev Bergren, Arne Nesbitt, Wilf Wilson, Bob Gould, Ilona Mengler, Ingrid Peck, Christie Bannert, and Casey and Inge Flynn, each of whom have received the submissions and have had opportunity to comment on them.

I first learned of the planned opening of the laneway from a concerned neighbor; and on Monday, August 9, 2021, I spoke with your Planner, Jessica Raynor. Jessica said that a request had been made to open the lane which runs 13' from the southerly boundary of my property (1213 Columbia St.), or the lane on the north side of our home. I expressed my concerns about this plan to Jessica, who then arranged an on-site review, on Monday, August 16.

Several neighbors and I participated in the review, which also included CAO Lisa Scott. Village staff advised that the lane was village property, and that the village had the right to make decisions about the use of the unopened land. We were also told that the Village had received a reasonable request to open the laneway; but that the reason underlying the request, and the identity of the requesting property owner were confidential.

For ten and a half years property owners in Block 54 have pruned the 50 year old fruit trees, cleared up fruit fallen from the trees, and cut the grass on the laneway. We also had a skid steer come in to level the soil on the lane. Prior to our efforts, the village did not mow the lane or prune the trees. At one point before our involvement, 4' high grass had become a fire hazard, a potential bear resting area, and just plain ugly. Residents voluntarily undertook maintenance of the lane, to create a beautiful green space, inviting not only to us but to our friends and visitors as well. Over the years we have had many people comment on the beauty of the area, with the openness between properties.

On August 31, I emailed Jessica, requesting an update on the lane opening, and offered to outline the residents' concerns in a written form. On September 16, Jessica replied, stating that the lane was to be opened and that the apple tree in the laneway was going to be cut down the next day. I quickly emailed back, indicating that 24 hours was not sufficient time to deal with residents' concerns, and hopefully save the apple tree from destruction. I requested a meeting with Council so that our concerns might be addressed.

Had we been able to know who requested opening of the lane, and the reasons for the request, we, as neighbors, would have been able to communicate directly with the requesting resident to express our concerns, learn the reasons for the request, and offer assistance in meeting the identified need, and investigate possible alternatives to a permanent lane opening.

Since we were not afforded that chance, we are approaching Council pursuant to the Village's "Public Engagement Strategy" (Resolution #75/2018) – which is attached for your consideration.

We would like to understand the request made to the Village, and whether neighbours can assist in finding alternatives which will maintain good relations in the neighbourhood, especially if access requirement is a one-off, and not a continuing need.

If there is a continuing need for access, we would like to understand why Wilf Wilson's suggestion, put forward to village staff, is not being considered. This alternative, namely providing access over Wilf's private property from Highway 6, involves no removal of any trees or green space. There was also the option of the laneway north of our home, which also would not involve destruction of old trees and green space.

For as long as we have owned our property we have found that the neighbors have been supportive and understanding. It has truly been one of the highlights of living in this neighborhood. For example, if anyone of us had had to use the laneway to deliver wood, septic cleaning, moving a trailer, etc. we have been able to check with neighbors and be sure it's all good. By this process we have resolved any aspect without unduly bothering the village staff for their involvement in creating formalized structures.

Thank you for considering our concerns. We hope that a resolution, which adequately meets the needs and wishes of all neighbors, may yet be possible.

Respectfully submitted, Ph.250-551-9997



Village of New Denver

POLICY:	Public Engagement Strategy
Effective Date: March 28, 2018	Authorized By: Resolution #75/2018 Replaces: Nil
PURPOSE:	

The Village of New Denver believes that engaging citizens and other stakeholders can lead to improved decision making. The Public Engagement Strategy is intended to guide public participation in local government decision making.

POLICY:

- The Village is committed to providing opportunities for public engagement on issues that significantly impact the community.
- The Village recognizes that these engagement activities should be appropriate to the decision or issue at hand, and within the Village's financial, technical and staffing capacity.
- Whenever the Village undertakes a public participation process, the objective of the participation will be clarified at the beginning of the process.
- The Village is also committed to reporting back to citizens on how their views have been considered in the decision making process.

The following table outlines the roles of the Village and the participants, for several levels of public participation:

	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
Objective	To provide balanced and objective information to support understanding by the public	To obtain feedback on alternatives, issues and/or decisions	To work with the public to ensure that concerns and aspirations are understood and considered	To facilitate discussions and agreements between public parties to identify common ground for action and solutions	To place final decision making in the hands of the public
Village's Role	To inform the public	To listen and consider the public's concerns	To work with the public to exchange information, ideas and concerns	To seek advice and innovations from the public or a stakeholder group	To work with the public to implement agreed upon decisions

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Village of New Denver

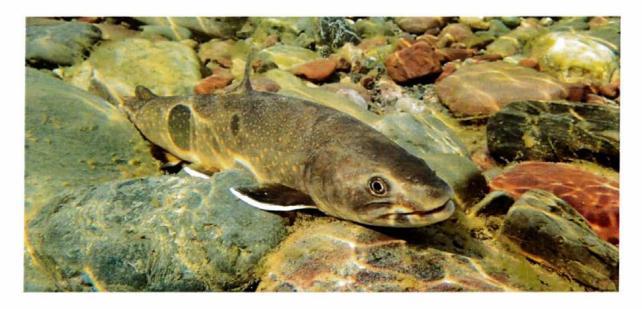
Participant's Responsibility informed	feedback	other members of	personal agendas	To work with staff to implement agreed upon decisions
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Columbia Region News September 2021



Provincially Blue-listed (vulnerable) bull trout is a focal species in our Columbia Region. Priority actions eligible for FWCP funding are outlined in our habitat-based and species-based action plans. Photo: ML Haring

Apply now: grants available for fish and wildlife projects

Our annual grant intake is now open, and we're looking for projects to help conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in our Columbia Region. Projects eligible for a grant must align with priority actions in our Columbia Region's <u>action plans</u> at <u>fwcp.ca</u>. Read our <u>information kit</u> and <u>regional grant guidance</u>. Apply by 5 p.m. PT / 6 p.m. MT on Friday, October 29.

Join First Nations, non-government organizations, stewardship groups, agencies, academic institutions, consultants, and others who have used FWCP grants to do important projects that benefit the region's ecosystems, its diverse and at-risk species, and its vital habitats. This year our Columbia Region board approved ~\$5.7 million for 11 fish and 32 wildlife projects. Check out our <u>2021-2022 project list</u>.

Columbia Region priorities

Our Columbia Region board has identified priorities this year and is encouraging grant applications that:

- Consider ecosystem and climate resilience
- Identify, maintain, and restore old-growth stands or ecosystems
- Explore the feasibility of on-the-ground fish and stream restoration

• Focus on the <u>North Columbia sub-region</u>, which is bordered by Revelstoke and Golden in the south and Valemount in the north. See our Columbia Region <u>guidance</u> document for more information

Early engagement with First Nations

We are encouraging early engagement with First Nations. Your initial contact with First Nations must be made by Friday, October 8, 2021. See Appendix 1 of our Columbia Region <u>grant guidance document</u> for more information.

Resources for grant applicants

- Start your grant application <u>here</u>
- Information kit for all FWCP grant applicants
- Columbia Region guidance for grant applicants
- Columbia Region action plans
- Columbia Region 2021-2022 project list
- Searchable excel report list on our results page
- <u>Contact</u> the FWCP Columbia Region manager



Learn more about our grants! Join an information session

Find out what grants we offer and how to align your project idea with our regional action plans. Talk with our Coastal, Columbia, and Peace region managers and meet our program manager. Get answers to your questions and tips on developing your grant application.

Overview of our grants and action plans Tuesday, September 28, 2021 1-2:30 p.m. PT / 2-3:30 p.m. MT Register now



Contact me if you have questions about applying

"The projects we fund through our annual grant intake are integral to conserving and enhancing fish and wildlife in our Columbia Region," says Crystal Klym, the FWCP's Columbia Region manager. "We hope grant applicants will develop projects that align with our action plans and the priorities set by our board this year. I'm here to answer any questions." <u>Contact</u> Crystal.

Coexisting with grizzly bears: watch the videos!

It's bear season and we're funding a <u>project</u> to promote coexistence between grizzlies and humans. Watch a bear safety video and a



recording of a bear safety workshop in Nelson led by Sanders Environmental Services.

- Staying Safe in Bear Country, Safety in Bear Country Society
- Recording of June 2021 workshop, Nelson Rod & Gun Club



Elk habitat restoration project near Golden

The Golden and District Rod & Gun Club's elk habitat restoration project in Kicking Horse Canyon is underway with FWCP funding. Watch the video to learn more about the project.

<u>Vacation Creek Elk Habitat Restoration Project</u>



The FWCP is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations, and public stakeholders to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams.

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Lisa Scott

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: office September 14, 2021 10:25 AM Lisa Scott FW: 2021 Invasive Species Research Conference ATT00001.txt

From: Localgov <localgov-bounces@lists.bcinvasives.ca> On Behalf Of Danielle Toperczer Sent: September 14, 2021 10:22 AM To: localgov@lists.bcinvasives.ca Subject: [Localgov] 2021 Invasive Species Research Conference

Good morning Local Government Invasive Species Network members,

Please see below for updates regarding the 2021 Invasive Species Research Conference. Hope to 'see' you there!

The full program for the 2021 invasive Species Research Conference is livel. The Conference will take place on an interactive virtual portal over two half days, Oct 6-7, 2021. The program features 40 presenters, including two keynote speakers, <u>Dr. Laura Meyerson</u> and <u>Dr. Cascade Sorte</u>. You car join sessions in a variety of live formats including a plenary session focused <u>on climate change</u>, concurrent themed <u>oral presentations</u>, and ten live <u>e-poster oresentations</u>. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to network including meet the speaker video-networking groups and one-on-one "matchmaking".

Each Conference ticket provides the ticket holder access to all sessions on that date and recordings of sessions (including all concurrent presentations) which will be posted 24 hours after the event concludes. Preregistration is not required for individual sessions and attendees can move from one concurrent session to another in real time during the live event. Ticket prices start from \$25 for students and \$65 for ISCBC members for one half day (excluding tax). Save up to \$35 by purchasing a ticket for both half days.

Register today!

Cheers, Danielle



Invasive Species Council of BC Danielle Toperczer Director, Programs & Communications Invasive Species Council of BC Workdays: Monday – Thursday (250) 308-9352 dtoperczer@bcinvasives.ca

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Kootenay Rent Bank

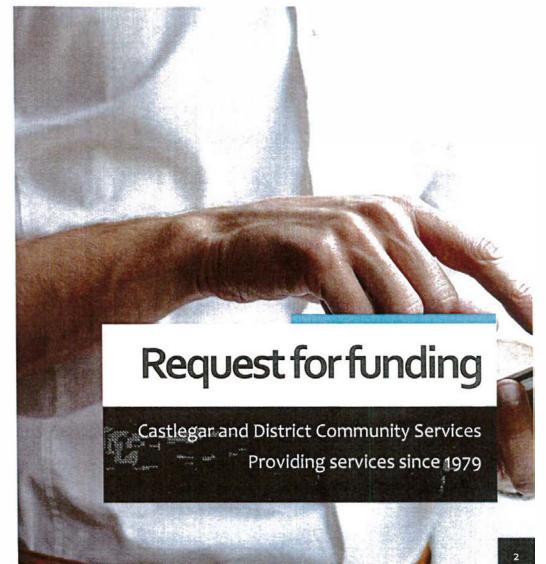




Attention:

Mayor and Council

Castlegar and District Community Services (CDCSS) is reaching out to you for your participation and support for the Kootenay Rent Bank. We are asking Regional Districts and Communities to assist with a small yearly commitment in funding. Our ask from you is a yearly commitment of \$2000.00 This support will help to ensure that we can reach and provide the funding to those in need of housing assistance in your area.





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Kootenay Rent Bank

Kootenay Rent Bank is a partnership with the BC Rent Bank. BC Rent Bank supports with the seed funding, training and online support. The Kootenay Rent Bank's goal is that regardless of where you live in the Kootenays, you can be supported to help maintain your housing. Kootenay Rent Bank is a short-term or temporary homelessness prevention tool that helps to provide housing stability for low- to moderate-income renters who are unable to pay rent or utilities due episodes or emergencies that compromise their ability to pay.

Our Rent bank also complements these loans with access to other information and supports – including financial advice, mediations between renters and landlords, or access to other supports and services and assistance to help stabilize their housing in the future.

This is done through the financial assistance in the form of a repayable loan, to households at risk of eviction for reasons such as non-payment of rent or utilities. Rent banks can also aid with individuals by providing a damage deposit to make the move.

It is a fact that there are so many people who are only a pay cheque or two away from not being able to pay their rent. We are pleased to announce that we have launched the Kootenay Rent Bank, which will help to increase the housing stability in our community for individuals who are experiencing short-term financial difficulties. The rent bank offers interest – free, repayable loans as well as access to relevant support services. To be eligible, you will be living in a community within the Kootenays.



CDCSS is asking for a yearly commitment of \$2000.00 from your community to help the Kootenay Rent Bank fulfill our goal of housing, reduce homelessness and work towards safe and secure housing for all.

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Giving our community members a home is more about just having a space, it is about our community working together to ensure that they are not lost in the shuffle due to a lack of funding resources, unsure where to go, and fear of homelessness. It is a goal to ensure that everyone is housed, and that people and families are not homeless. We are asking for a collaboration with the communities and districts to help us unite to achieve this common goal, and contribute to ensure that the resources are available to help.

Currently CDCSS receives 65,000 in funds from BC Rent Bank. This supports part-time staffing, operations and \$25,000 in loan capital. As most of the applications are over \$1500.00 due to the high costs in rent and utilities, this will make it challenging to serve all those in need with their requests. CDCSS will be utilizing funds from the communities and districts to help with this fast growing program. Since the launch of this program in June 2021, we are seeing new applications daily. This program anticipates a huge growth as the services become more widely known. We are seeing applications from throughout the Kootenays, and from all demographics, family compositions and ages. CDCSS is also currently working on adding services to this program to support with online courses, and in person support with Money management, budgeting and credit. We hope to secure the additional funding for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.



CDCSS is confident in our ability to support the Kootenays. We have over 40 years of service, a confident and qualified team, and a mission to help those that need it most. In our mission, we strive to provide services within our community, and we rely on the generosity of people, business and municipalities for support. Without the assistance of communities and districts like yours, we will not succeed in serving those in our communities each year. We ask that you make a commitment as a yearly contribution.

Please reach out for more information on the program. We are happy to work with you in anyway that we can.







1007 2nd Street, Castlegar, BC V1N 1Y4 (250) 365-2104 (t) (250) 365-2154 (f) www.cdcss.ca <u>info@cdcss.ca</u> Charity Number: 10687-8804-RR0001







Regional District of Mount Waddington

PO Box 729 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC VON 2R0 Telephone (250) 956-3161 Fax (250) 956-3232 Web-site: www.rdmw.bc.ca Email: info@rdmw.bc.ca

File No. 310.01

August 27, 2021

By e-mail to BC Local Governments

Dear Regional District Chairs and Boards, Mayors and Councils:

The people of the Regional District of Mount Waddington (RDMW) are independent, resilient, and compassionate. Although we may be a little geographically and politically isolated, we are caring, and community oriented. When trouble befalls one of our friends, we show up to help.

The Village of Lytton suffered a catastrophic loss this summer. The RDMW would like to remind the population of Lytton and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District that they do not stand alone in their time of need.

To help Lytton rebuild, the Electoral Area Directors of the RDMW will contribute one dollar for every person in their representative areas. In doing so, the Electoral Area Directors of the RDMW wish to challenge all other local governments to make a similar gesture.

This is a time for solidarity and the rebuilding of community, lives, and dreams. The Regional District of Mount Waddington is honoured to contribute.

Sincere

Andrew Hory Chair and Area B Director

James Furney

Area C Director

Sandra Daniels Area A Director

Rod Sherrell Area D Director



INCORPORATED JUNE 13, 1966

MUNICIPALITIES: VILLAGE OF ALERT BAY. VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE, DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY, TOWN OF PORT MCNEILL ELECTORAL AREAS "A' (BROUGHTON ARCHIPELAGO, SOINTULA / MALCOLM ISLAND, MAINLAND): "B" (COAL HARBOUR, HOLBERG, QUATSINO, WINTER HARBOUR); "C" (FORT RUPERT, HYDE CREEK, TSULQUATE); "D" (CORMORANT ISLAND, TELEGRAPH COVE, WOSS)



Board Report

Date of Report: Date & Type of Meeting: Author: Subject: File: Electoral Area/Municipality: Aug 27, 2021 September 23, 2021 Chris Johnson, Manager of Community Sustainability Wildfire Mitigation Update 14-7610-01 All RDCK

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Late this summer our Wildfire Mitigation Supervisor (WMS), Joel Hamilton, accepted a position with the BC Fire Chiefs Association to facilitate the development of BC FireSmart programs in local governments throughout BC. This is a great opportunity for Joel, and a substantial compliment to the RDCK Board of Directors' vision to support the development of the RDCK FireSmart program, from which the new BC FireSmart program has been modelled.

With Joel's departure staff felt it a good time to review the current demands on this role, and highlight where it is expected to expand.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND

The Wildfire Mitigation Supervisor manages the FireSmart Program, coordinates the delivery of the Community Resiliency Investment Program, coordinates the delivery of the Forest Enhancement BC grant, and represents the RDCK in the new Provincial Risk Reduction Program. Further details are provided below.

RDCK FireSmart Program

The FireSmart program is a science-based approach to reducing the risk of structure loss during wildfire events that impact communities. The goal is to enable residents by providing detailed information on how to make their homes more resilient to wildfire. The program is supported by Provincial grant funding and includes incentives to complete the work. Much of the day-to-day responsibility of running the FireSmart program is managed by the grant funded Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator position however strategic oversight and year on year direction is provided by the WMS.

Community Resiliency Investment Program (CRI)

This grant program has evolved over the years to play a much larger role than its original FireSmart focus. As an example, the total cost of the 2019 program was \$195k and focused solely on delivering FireSmart home assessment and developing Neighbourhood Recognition Program (NRP) participants. In 2021 the total program cost is \$829k and provides:

- FireSmart program including a new cash rebate program for residents that complete work;

- Neighbourhood Recognition Program and new financial support to groups in the program;
- Development of wildfire hazard development permit areas (DPAs);
- Critical infrastructure upgrades to increase resilience to wildfires;
- Funds to organize and facilitate regional landscape planning committees; and
- Funds to host indigenous sensitivity training for staff.

For 2022, additions to the grant request will include training for our Regional Fire Service that would otherwise be paid for by the fire services and development of a FireSmart curriculum for local schools. Although the work is administrative, the overall management of this grant requires a level of effort to ensure funds applied for are spent effectively, a final report is submitted, and full reimbursement is received from the funder.

Staff expect to bring a report to Board in October 2021 detailing the 2022 CRI application and seeking Board approval to apply.

Forest Enhancement BC (FESBC)

The Wildfire Mitigation program continues to work on two projects funded by FESBC. These are Queens Bay and Selous Creek wildfire fuel treatments. The projects originated prior to the Provincial Wildfire Risk Reduction (WRR) program. The RDCK directed grant funding for wildfire fuel mitigation, fibre utilization, and post-harvest cleanup to licensees completing the work. Both of these projects are immediately adjacent to communities and require a significant level of collaboration between residents, licensees, and local governments. Queens Bay is currently projected to be complete by March 2022. Selous is less certain due to the variability associated with larger projects that are partially funded by timber sales.

Provincial Wildfire Risk Reduction (WRR) Program

While the WRR program can no longer be considered new, it is still somewhat unresolved as to the exact role the RDCK will play in the whole process. What we do know is that each year the WRR program has a project intake process where the RDCK is able to submit proposals to be considered. If approved, the Province manages the project in its entirety and the RDCK has little authority when it comes to treatments and how they accord with the wishes of local residents/stakeholders. There are, however, opportunities to influence without authority. Although not clearly identified, staff believe this will take a multifaceted approach that includes hosting regional landscape planning committees, being available and present for planning meetings, building relationships with the agencies and licensees that are completing the work, and working with residents to understand their positions and effectively relay them to the project team.

Proposals are selected provincially by BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) based on risk priority and general conditions/organization of the projects. The Southeast Fire Centre has over 20% of the overall highest risk wildland-urban interface (WUI) provincially. Only the Kamloops Fire Centre, which includes the Thompson, Nicola, and Okanagan valleys has more at 30%.

New and Evolving Projects

Wildfire mitigation has been a focus of the Provincial government over the last two decades, with efforts ramping significantly after each severe wildfire season, most recently post 2017 & 2018 after which the WRR program was created. The severity of the 2021 fire season indicates what is to come with a changing climate and will be another catalyzing moment to increase efforts and investments in wildfire risk reduction. Combine this

with continued interest in providing economic incentives to bolster the province's recovery from COVID and the stage is set for new programs and projects to be deployed by government and industry alike. The WMS position provides the RDCK with a consistent, regional perspective pertaining to new and evolving programs and projects. An example of this is a recent program announced by Fortis BC to expand their right-of-way (RoW) for their transmission lines on the East Shore (32 Line), up the West Arm through to Coffee Creek (30 Line), and up the Slocan Valley (19 Line). The goal of their project is to increase grid stability and mitigate wildfire ignitions from power lines by creating a 'tree-free' corridor along the 3 transmission lines. This offers great opportunities for residents and communities, but will also involve work immediately adjacent to, or within communities and provide additional opportunities to advance wildfire risk reduction. Staff were recently informed of this project and will be bringing a report to Board once details are better understood.

Watersheds and Wildfire Mitigation

The Watershed Governance Initiative is a project the RDCK Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee (CSLAC) has been undertaking over the last couple of years as delegated by the Board. The project was developed in recognition that watersheds in the RDCK are under consistent pressure from a number of different sources and conditions across municipal and rural boundaries. The broad goal of the project is to better understand what role the RDCK plays in determining which activities take place in watersheds, with an initial focus on consumptive watersheds. As this project progresses staff continue to find parallels with other work being done by the RDCK. One of the major touch points is Disaster Risk Reduction including flooding and wildfire. Contemporary thinking suggests a systems approach to landscape level planning is critical to building resilience to our changing climate. As such, staff recognize that the Wildfire Mitigation Supervisor is uniquely positioned within the RDCK to begin integrating that systems-based approach with watersheds as the focus. How exactly this will look is still unclear, however staff feel that by starting to integrate this perspective into wildfire mitigation work, connections and opportunities will present themselves. It is anticipated that this role will evolve and grow over time into one focused on a systems approach that acknowledges all values potentially impacted by a given project, including watersheds.

Summary

The Wildfire Mitigation Supervisor continues to provide value for the RDCK. As the mosaic of programs targeting wildfire risk continues to grow and evolve, the position provides a consistent perspective and presence from the RDCK. As current work on watersheds progresses staff see a clear connection between the WMS position and opportunities in working in and around watersheds and generally adapting to a systems-based approach.

SECTION 3: DETAILED ANALYSIS			
3.1 Financial Considerations -	- Cost and Resource A	llocations:	
Included in Financial Plan: Debt Bylaw Required:	Yes No	Financial Plan Amendment: Yes No Public/Gov't Approvals Required: Yes No	
This report is for information.			

3.2 Legislative Considerations (Applicable Policies and/or Bylaws):

None at this time.

3.3 Environmental Considerations

None at this time.

3.4 Social Considerations:

None at this time.

3.5 Economic Considerations:

None at this time.

3.6 Communication Considerations:

None at this time.

3.7 Staffing/Departmental Workplace Considerations: None at this time.

3.8 Board Strategic Plan/Priorities Considerations:

To Excel in Governance and Service Delivery

To Strengthen our Relationships with our Community Partners

To Adapt to Our Changing Climate

SECTION 4: OPTIONS & PROS / CONS

None at this time.

SECTION 5: RECOMMENDATIONS

This report is for information.

CONCURRENCE

General Manager – Sangita Sudan Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn Approved Approved

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From: Sent: Subject: Dan Elliott <DElliott@rdck.bc.ca> October 1, 2021 1:25 PM RDCK Media Release - September 2021 Board Highlights

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY MEDIA RELEASE

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Amendment to Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment

To address the growth in ridership and the demand for more services, the Board approved an amendment to the Kootenay Lake West Transit Service, which proposes a 3-to-5% increase in the cost of operations over the next five years. This ensures the sustainability of public transit in the region, affords the Board options in the Transit Future Services Plan, allows for the ability to extend or add routes, and addresses contract increases with NextGen Transit taking over as the new operating partner.

RDCK investigating the potential acquisition of parkland in Krestova

The Board has directed staff to investigate the opportunity to acquire private land, totalling approximately 134 acres in Krestova, Electoral Area H, as regional parkland for use by local communities for outdoor recreation and nature appreciation. Staff will consider a number of factors, including the context of the overarching Regional Parks Plan, the desire of the local community, and the financial investment and ongoing operational needs.

The RDCK welcomes input from the public in order to gauge initial levels of community interest and to support next steps. <u>Click here to learn how you can provide feedback</u>.

New Fire Chiefs appointed at North Shore Fire Department and Slocan Fire Department

The Board has approved the appointment of Jay Marshall as Fire Chief of the North Shore Volunteer Fire Department. He has served as Acting Fire Chief since December 2019 and has been a member of the RDCK Fire Services since 1991, first with the Balfour-Harrop Volunteer Fire Department and then with the North Shore Fire Department.

The Board also approved the appointment of Devin Lindsay as Fire Chief of the Slocan Volunteer Fire Department. He has served as Acting Fire Chief since February 2021 and previously served as Deputy Fire Chief with the Slocan Volunteer Fire Department.

Discretionary Grant

AREA A

South Kootenay Lake ArtConnect Society – Harrison Memorial Community Church Purchase \$5,000

AREA B

Iron Maiden Ladies Golf Tournament – Tournament Support Mormon Hills School Society – Green House Purchase for School Program	\$1,500	\$500
<u>AREA C</u> Iron Maiden Ladies Golf Tournament – Tournament Support Kootenay Milk Producers – Awareness Event Support		\$600 \$2,000
AREA E Balfour Seniors Branch #120 – Foot Pedal hand Sanitizer Purchase RDCK – Planning Department – Community Wide Mailout	\$459.19 \$3,500	
<u>AREA G</u> Nelson Baseball Association – Refurbish Bleachers at Queen Elizabeth Park	\$3,000	
AREA J Ootischenia Fire Department – Satellite Phone Purchase Ootischenia Fire Department Social Club – Member Appreciation Robson Fire Department – Satellite Phone Purchase	\$3,000	\$2,100 \$2,100
Community Development Grant		
<u>AREA A</u> South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society – Tamarack Institute's National Conference	\$5	00
<u>AREA B</u> South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society – Tamarack Institute's National Conference	\$7	50
<u>AREA C</u> RDCK – Project Management – West Creston Fire Hall Project South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society – Tamarack Institutes National Conference	\$5	\$5,000 00
<u>AREA D</u> Lardeau Valley Historical Society – Outdoor Museum Park Signage	\$1,000	
<u>AREA E</u> Glade Watershed Protection Society – The Story of Water Video Taghum Community Society – Commercial grade kitchen for Taghum Hall	\$2,000	\$800
<u>AREA F</u> Glade Watershed Protection Society – The Story of Water Video Taghum Community Society – Commercial grade kitchen for Taghum Hall	\$4,000	\$800
<u>AREA H</u> Slocan Volunteer Fire Department – Appreciation for Trozzo Creek Fire Efforts Crescent Valley Firemans Fund – Apparel for Fire Department Members Glade Watershed Protection Society – The Story of Water Video		2,000 \$2,000 \$800
<u>AREA I</u> Glade Watershed Protection Society – The Story of Water Video		\$800
AREA J Glade Watershed Protection Society – The Story of Water Video		\$800

<u>AREA K</u>

School District 10 Arrow Lakes – Fish in School Program 2021		\$7,500
<u>CRESTON</u> South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society – Tamarack Institutes National Conference	\$50	0
KASLO Kaslo & Area Youth Council – Youth Centre Renovation		\$4,000
SALMO Village of Salmo – 75 Years Time Capsule	\$2,500	
Community Works Fund		
<u>AREA E</u> Salmo Ski Club – Salmo Ski Hill Lodge Energy Upgrade Project		\$7,000
<u>AREA F</u> Salmo Ski Club – Salmo Ski Hill Lodge Energy Upgrade Project		\$7,000
<u>AREA G</u> Salmo Ski Club – Salmo Ski Hill Lodge Energy Upgrade Project	ç	\$32,000
<u>AREA I</u> Salmo Ski Club – Salmo Ski Hill Lodge Energy Upgrade Project	Ş	\$7,000
<u>AREA J</u> Salmo Ski Club – Salmo Ski Hill Lodge Energy Upgrade Project	Ş	\$7,000
Recreation Commission No.6 Grant		
NEW DENVER AND SILVERTON Healthy Communities Society of the North Slocan Valley Hills Recreation Society Lucerne School Parent Advisory Committee North Slocan Trails Society Slocan Lake Early Learning Society	\$2,300 \$2,90 \$212	\$200 \$700 0
Recreation Commission No.9 Grant		
AREA A Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Society South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society Grey Creek Hall Society Many Bays Community Band East Shore Transportation Society	\$900 \$1,000	\$6,200 \$2,000 \$300

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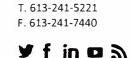
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The Corporation of the Village of New Denver

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

SUBMITTED BY:	Theresa Tremaine, Community Services	DATE: Sept. 23, 2021
SUBJECT:	Request for Letter of Support – Kellen Hatanaka	

PURPOSE: To seek Council approval to write a letter of support for Kellen Hatanaka.

OPTIONS:

1. Provide a letter in support of the grant application

2. Do not provide a letter in support of the grant application

RECOMMENDATION: That the Village of New Denver provide a letter in support of Kellen Hatanaka's Canada Council for the Arts grant application.

BACKGROUND:

Kellen Hatanaka is a contemporary artist whose grandparents were interned in New Denver during the war.

The grant application that he is currently working on is a composite grant for the Canada Council for the Arts. The grant will cover the funding for 3 years and multiple exhibitions beginning in February 2022. His proposal is to use NIMC as one of the exhibit spaces, which is tentatively scheduled to take place in 2024.

Based in Ontario, Kellen is primarily a contemporary painter and have been incorporating sculpture into his work. The exhibition that he is proposing at the NIMC would consist of paintings on canvas and paper as well as sculptural pieces.

Here is an excerpt from Hatanaka's email:

"I have been very interested in creating a body of work specifically to be exhibited at the NIMC for some time now. New Denver is where my grandparents were interned during the war and I think bringing my work to that site would create a very powerful and emotional installation. While my work is contemporary and deals with current issues of race identity and representation, it is also informed by connecting to my family's history and culture and their experience in Canada."

Kellen Hatanaka is an artist and designer from Toronto, Canada. He has worked with a variety of clients including Nike, Casper, The Wall Street Journal, 7D8, The Polaris Music Prize, The Walrus, The Drake Hotel, Sid Lee, Bruce Mau Design, Frank and Oak and Absolut Vodka. He was awarded the Governor General's Award in 2016 along with Jon-Erik Lappano for their book, "Tokyo Digs a Garden." Katanaka will have an exhibit in October at the Nikkei National Museum in Burnaby. To see samples of his work, go to: <u>https://centre.nikkeiplace.org/exhibits/safe-home/)</u>

ANALYSIS: Providing a letter of support and possibly exhibit space at the NIMC for the artist will be a positive impact to the NIMC. An exhibit will draw more people to the centre, and also a wider network of people will be exposed to the NIMC. Such an exhibit could infuse new energy into the centre and introduces a new way of utilising spaces, such as the Centennial Hall.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Nil

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The project does not require any financial support from the Village of New Denver.

The Corporation of the Village of New Denver

MEMO TO COUNCIL

SUBMITTED BY:	Jessica Rayner, Community Planner	DATE: October 7, 2021
SUBJECT:	Clearing of Lanes for Vehicle Access	

PURPOSE: To provide Council with an update regarding lane access requirements and expectations, community members' requests regarding lane access, and staff recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That staff proceed with engaging in or allowing clearing and/or grading of lanes for vehicle access in instances where requests are made that are supported by staff, for lane access to private property, and the process is not cost prohibitive.

It is recommended that staff be directed to create a policy that applies to the Village as a whole and addresses what lanes shall or shall not be maintained.

BACKGROUND:

The Village of New Denver does not currently have any policies specific to lane access and maintenance. As such, when staff receive requests to clear lanes for vehicle access, they are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. In reviewing requests to clear lanes for vehicle access, staff take into consideration such things as all-around function and service of the lane, intention of the lane in a given location, geography, and alternative access.

Two requests to open lanes for vehicle access have recently received neighbour opposition. In both instances, staff have deemed it appropriate to clear the lanes of vegetation, with the understanding that not all neighbours support the proposal. In one instance, in the 600 block of 10th Avenue / 1200 block of Columbia Street, mature fruit trees will need to be removed to clear the lane as requested and an area previously enjoyed as neighbourhood greenspace without vehicle access will be open to local traffic.

The Village of New Denver has the ability to, by bylaw, close a highway (including lanes) to all or some types of traffic, and to remove the dedication of a highway (including lanes) under section 40 of the Community Charter. Under Section 36(3) of the Community Charter, the Village has the power to temporarily restrict highway (including lane) access. It is important to note that when lanes have not been restricted or closed in accordance with Sections 36(3) or 40 of the Community Charter, an application for a permit pertaining to access via such lanes (for example a garage fronting an existing lane) cannot be denied provided no other applicable bylaw is contravened. These provisions are noteworthy in that they confirm that existing lanes, also referred to as highways, exist for public access, including vehicle access.

DISCUSSION:

It is typical of the area of New Denver north of Carpenter Creek to be laid out in what is locally referred to as "H-Blocks" with two 15 ft wide alleys running east-west connected by a 30 ft wide alley running north-south in the middle of the block. The blocks are typically 300 ft x 300 ft. Given the local topography, it is not practical to provide vehicle access via all of these lanes. It is, however, understood that these lanes were created for the purpose of vehicle and pedestrian access to the rear yards of properties in these H-Blocks.

Staff have received legal advice recommending that a policy be written and adopted, by Council resolution, containing wording to connect the policy with a reasonable rational basis for lane clearing and maintenance. For example, that the policy is adopted to conserve limited resources available to the Village, that the policy is adopted in the interest of safety of staff members, that the policy is adopted to ensure consistency and a transparent decision-making process. Developing such a policy would provide clarity to property owners and residents, including an understanding that public lanes are intended to be cleared for vehicle and pedestrian access when there is a demand; that while they can

be enjoyed as local neighbourhood greenspace, they are not exclusively for non-motorized use and vegetation may be cleared at any time.

The Village does not have a legal duty to clear vegetation or maintain lanes for public access, rather we have an obligation to use reasonable care to keep streets in a reasonably safe condition for travel by persons exercising ordinary care for their own safety. These safety measures are required and expected regardless of whether a lane maintenance policy is in place. Developing a policy that denotes lanes that will or will not be cleared and/or maintained by the Village is beneficial for managing the public's expectations. A lane maintenance policy can also provide opportunity for future adjustments; for example, a lane not identified in the policy as intended to be cleared for vehicles could be revised to be cleared in the future should this be supported. This process may also result in the identification of lanes to be closed, by bylaw, to traffic which would further elucidate lane access considerations for the public, staff, and Council.

In the case of the lane in the 600 block of 10th Avenue / 1200 block of Columbia Street, where a request has been made to clear the southernmost east-west H-lane from Columbia Street west, staff intend to proceed with clearing and grading of the lane unless otherwise directed by Council. Similarly, in the 700 block of 10th Avenue / 1200 block of Columbia Street, where a request has been made to clear the northernmost west-east H-lane from Columbia Street east, staff intend to proceed with clearing and grading of the lane unless otherwise directed by Council.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: n/a

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Staff time to prepare a lane maintenance policy. Staff involvement in clearing / grading of lanes and communicating Village direction with residents.

The Corporation of the Village of New Denver

MEMO TO COUNCIL

SUBMITTED BY:	Jessica Rayner, Community Planner	DATE: October 7, 2021
SUBJECT:	Village of New Denver Burning Bylaw Review & Update	

PURPOSE: To seek Council support for staff to update the Village of New Denver Burning Bylaw No. 591, 2005.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That Council direct staff to draft a Burning Bylaw update, initiate a public engagement process, and bring forward an amended Village of New Denver Burning Bylaw.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2021 the Province of BC approved a Municipal Boundary Extension proposed by the Village of New Denver. Through the process leading up to the completion of New Denver's Municipal Boundary Extension, residents within the Boundary Extension Area were consulted regarding the proposed change in jurisdiction and its implications. One of the concerns identified by boundary extension area property owners and residents was application of New Denver's Burning Bylaw to the boundary extension area. Prior to becoming Village residents, these residents of Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Area H North were not restricted with respect to burning beyond Provincial Campfire and Open Burning Regulations.

The Province does not require burning permits or restrict Category 2 fires beyond requiring that the venting index permits such fires and that there are no applicable fire bans in place. Further, under Provincial Regulation, a Category 2 open fire is a fire that:

- Burns material in one pile not exceeding two metres in height and three meters in width; or
- Burns material concurrently in two piles, each not exceeding two meters high and three metres wide; or
- Burns stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2 hectares (2,000 square metres); or
- Is not a campfire.

The Village of New Denver Open Burning Bylaw, on the other hand, defines a "Category 2 Fire" as an outdoor fire which occurs in garden waste consisting of non-toxic garden materials stored on a parcel of land, and includes grass clippings, leaves and branches pruned from trees and shrubs not exceeding 1 m in height and 1.5 m in width; and a "Category 3 Fire" as an outdoor fire which occurs in combustibles which are in piles exceeding 1 m in height and 1.5 m in width, but not exceeding 2 m in height and 3 m in width. Fires defined as Category 3 by the Burning Bylaw are therefor most similar to those defined by the Province as Category 2 fires.

In the Village, both Category 2 & 3 fires require a permit and cannot be started except between April 1 – May 15 inclusive and September 30 – November 15 inclusive. Further, Category 3 Fires cannot be started within 100 metres of neighbouring residences and business, or 500 metres from schools in session, hospital, or facilities used for continuing care as defined under the continuing care act. There is no cost for a Category 2 burn permit within the Village and the cost of a Village of New Denver Category 3 burn permit is \$20.00.

DISCUSSION:

Given the Municipal Boundary Extension is now complete, we have had requests from the public that the Burning Bylaw be updated. Staff support proceeding with revisions to the Village of New Denver Burning Bylaw at this time.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: n/a

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Staff time to engage the public and prepare updates to the Burning Bylaw. Public engagement advertising costs.

The Corporation of the Village of New Denver

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

SUBMITTED BY: Lisa Scott, CAO

DATE: October 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Letter of Consent, RDCK Bylaw 2707, Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Amendment

PURPOSE: To seek authorization for the Corporate Officer and RDCK Director to sign the Letter of Consent for adoption of the Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Amendment Bylaw 2707, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Corporate Officer and the RDCK Director be authorized to sign the Letter of Consent for the adoption of the Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Amendment Bylaw 2707, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:

1. Not sign the Letter of Consent - not support the proposed rate increase

ANALYSIS:

- A. Background: The RDCK has determined that the current annual requisition amount authorized under Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw 1783 is no longer adequate to cover the costs of providing the service. An amending bylaw with new requisition amounts is needed to sustain the service.
- **B.** Discussion: Bylaw 2707 increases the maximum annual requisition rate from 0.048 to 0.066. This rate is then portioned out based on the level of service in each jurisdiction. Currently our portion is 4.47% of the annual requisition so we would be looking at an increase of approx. \$8,475.00.

There are a few things to consider. This maximum annual requisition may not be the actual requisition. The West Kootenay Transit Future Service Plan includes potential service level options for the next 5 to 8 years. There are some options in the Plan that the Board may decide implement and some they may not. The RDCK is anticipating a phase in of the total increases, with a 7% increase in 2022.

The other area to consider is that in order to move ahead with implementation of the proiposed service options, the Board will need to reconsider the apportionment. The RDCK staff felt that the current percentages don't reflect the current service levels. These will be future decisions to be made by the Board, which may result in a change to our 4.47% portion that we currently pay.

The KWL Transit is something that our residents do use, rely on and benefit from. We don't want to lose the service. As stated in the attached RDCK Board Report the staff will also be looking for ways to reduce the operational costs of the service without reducing service levels.

C. Legislative Framework: Nil

- D. Attachments: RDCK Board Report, Bylaw 2707, 2021, Letter of Consent form
- E. Council Strategic Priority: Nil
- F. Communication Strategy: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: This amendment will be reflected as an ongoing increase in our annual Tax Rate Bylaw and Financial Plan.



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY Board Report

Date of Report: Date & Type of Meeting: Author: Subject: September 16, 2021 September 16, 2021 Open Regular Board Meeting Tom Dool, Research Analyst KOOTENAY LAKE WEST TRANSIT SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 2707, 2021 \\FILES\RDCK\08\3200\10\

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SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed amendment would increase the maximum annual allowable requisition from the greater of \$350,000 or a rate of \$0.048 per \$1000 of the net taxable value of land and improvements to the greater of \$678,000 or a rate of \$0.066/\$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements.

This report recommends

- 1. That THIRD reading of the Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2707, 2020 be RESCINDED;
- 2. That the Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2707, 2021 be read a THIRD time, as amended;

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

Section 4 of Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw 1783 specifies an annual requisition maximum of \$350,000 or an amount determined by applying a rate of \$0.048 per \$1000 of the net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area. This rate funded cost recovery for the service in 2021, with an annual requisition of \$485,404, but beyond the current fiscal year the financial requirements of the service will exceed the current requisition maximum.

The current requisition maximum was established in April 2014 to fund operations of the recently established West Kootenay Transit (WKT) Service. Since that time ridership in the WKT Service has increased 60% to almost 1 million rides per year. To address the growth in ridership and demand for more services the Board has worked, for the past 2 years, with BC Transit to develop the West Kootenay Transit Future Service Plan (WKTFSP). The plan provides the Board with options for system optimization and growth over the next 10 years. The proposed requisition increase allows for current service levels and provides the Board opportunity to consider options for service improvement.

The proposed increase to the maximum allowable annual requisition allows the Board to address an increase to the local government share of annual operating costs resulting from BC Transits cancellation of the Kootenay West Para 530 (KWP530) operating contract with Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services and the award of a new contract to NextGen Transit. It is expected that proposed lift will result in a 17% (\$79,092) increase in 2022 and an additional 3% (\$16,556) in 2023.

SECTION 3: DETAILED ANALYSIS

a. Financial Considerations – Cost and Resource Allocations:							
Included in Financial Plan:	\boxtimes	YES	\boxtimes	NO	Financial Plan Amendment:	YES	⊠ NO
Debt Bylaw Required:		YES		NO	Public/Gov't Approvals req'd:	YES	

The proposed amending bylaw deletes Section 4, the annual requisition maximum, of the establishment bylaw and replaces it with an increased requisition maximum of \$678,000 or \$0.066/\$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area, whichever is greater.

The proposed requisition increase addresses

- 1. An annual 3% to 5% increase in the cost of operations over the next 5 years
- 2. An expected 17% increase in contract expenses in 2022 and subsequent 3% increase in 2023 due to the new operating contract.
- 3. Proposed critical fixes within West Kootenay Future Service Plan

Proposed critical fixes include an extension of a weekday Route 10 trip from 6 mile to Balfour. This change would proceed in 2022 and see implementation in 2023. As well, two additional round trips on the Kootenay Connector 99 should be considered. These are college dependent service level changes because demand for transportation by college students and staff will likely drive the need for expansion and because expansion will be predicated on college engagement in a more comprehensive approach to public transportation timing and funding. Initiation in 2023 and implementation in 2024 and 2025 would allow time for an improved understanding of what on campus student numbers will look like and further engagement with the college and students regarding public transit.

A schedule of proposed increases to the annual allowable requisition and the impact on service participants is described below in Figure 1.

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total	\$485,404	\$521,809	\$566,163	\$619,948	\$678,843
Actual Rate	0.047	0.053	0.055	.060	0.066
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Figure 1. Proposed Schedule of Increases

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

At the February, 2020 Board meeting the Board gave 3 readings to Bylaw 2707, 2020. That bylaw proposed to increase the maximum annual allowable requisition for Kootenay Lake West Transit S239 and to reapportion the cost of the service to participants based on Base Cost, Transit Opportunity, Annual Mileage, and Assessment. It was staffs intention to engage the board in a process to determine the weight of each transit apportionment criteria and then develop a transit apportionment policy that could be reviewed annually by the Board and ensure that the apportionment of transit costs reflected the level of service received by each participant. A preliminary review of this approach by front line staff at the Local Government Inspectors (LGI) office agreed with this approach. A formal review by senior staff required that the bylaw be changed to include the percentage weightings associated with each apportionment criteria.

While staff is committed to engaging the Board on the subject transit cost apportionment they cannot do so in time to include the matter in the proposed bylaw amendment. To ensure current service levels

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and to meet contract obligations in 2022 the Board must give direction, regarding the requisition increase, by no later than September of 2021. There will be no service level changes in 2022 which gives the Board ample time to consider the matter of apportionment. For these reasons staff is recommending that the Board rescind 3rd reading of Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2707 and that it be reread to exclude the matter of apportionment.

c. Environmental Considerations: None.

d. Social Considerations: None.

e. Economic Considerations: None.

f. Communication Considerations: None.

g. Staffing/Departmental Workplan Considerations: None.

h. Board Strategic Plan/Priorities Considerations:

Strengthening Relationships with our Community Partners through the provision custom and conventional transit services to vulnerable populations in times of unprecedented disruption.

Adapting to Our Constantly Changing Climate through the provision of innovate and effective transit solutions.

SECTION 4: OPTIONS & PROS / CONS

Option #1 Preferred Option

That THIRD reading of the Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2707, 2020 be RESCINDED; and that the Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2707, 2021 be read a THIRD time, as amended.

Pros

- Ensures the sustainability of public transit in the region
- Affords the Board the Board consideration of options in the Transit Future Service Plan
- Addresses Kootenay West Para contract increases

Cons

• Will allow for increases in the cost of the service

Option #2 Least Preferred Option

That the Board direct staff to not proceed with the amendment of Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1783

Pros

• Will not allow for increases in the cost of the service.

Cons

- The service will not be sustainable
- The Board will not be able to implement any of the option in the Transit Future Service Plan
- Requires that staff develop a plan to determine how to reduce transit services in accordance with current funding levels

SECTION 5: RECOMMENDATION(S)

That THIRD reading of the Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2707, 2020 be RESCINDED;

That the Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2707, 2021 be read a THIRD time, as amended.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Dool, Research Analyst

CONCURRENCE

Chief Administrative Officer Corporate Officer Initials:

Approved by Stuart Horn Approved by Mike Morrison

ATTACHMENTS:

- Schedule A Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2707, 2021 (new) Schedule B - Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2707, 2020 Rescinded (old)
- Schedule C Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1794, 2005
- Schedule D Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1783, 2005

Bylaw No. 2707

A Bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 1783, being the "Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw", by increasing the annual requisition limit.

WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay established a service for the purpose of providing public transit by adopting *Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw No.* 1783, 2005, as amended;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay deems it expedient to further amend Bylaw No 1783 to increase the maximum annual allowable requisition limit for the service;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

ANNUAL REQUISITION

1 Section 4 is deleted in its entirety and the following substituted therefore:

The maximum amount of money that may be requisitioned annually shall be \$678,000 or \$0.066/\$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area, whichever is greater.

CITATION

2 This Bylaw may be cited as **"Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Amendment Bylaw No. 2707,** 2021".

READ A FIRST TIME this	20 th	day of	February, 2020.
READ A SECOND TIME this	20 th	day of	February, 2020.
READ A THIRD TIME this	20 th	day of	February, 2020.
THIRD READING RESCINDED	23 rd	day of	September, 2021
REREAD A THIRD TIME this	23 rd	day of	September, 2021

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the as **"Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Amendment Bylaw No. 2707, 2021"** as read a third time by the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board on the 23rd day of September, 2021. Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

APPROVED by the Inspector of Municipalities on the day of , 2021.

ASSENT RECEIVED as per the Local Government Act – Consent on behalf of participating area.

ADOPTED this day of , 2021.

Aimee Watson, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

Bylaw No. 2707

A Bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 1783, being the "Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw", by increasing the annual requisition limit and changing the method of apportioning the cost of the transit services provided by the service.

WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay established a service for the purpose of providing public transit by adopting *Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw No.* 1783, 2005, as amended;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay deems it expedient to further amend Bylaw No 1783 to increase the annual requisition limit and change the method of the apportionment of the cost of the transit services provided by the service;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, consent has been received from at least twothirds of the participants to amend Bylaw No. 1783.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

ANNUAL REQUISITION

1 Section 4 is deleted in its entirety and the following substituted therefore:

The maximum amount of money that may be requisitioned annually shall be \$650,000 or \$0.058/\$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements with the service area, whichever is greater.

The annual cost of providing the service shall be apportioned amoung the participating areas on the basis of Base Cost, Transit Opportunity, Annual Mileage, and Actual Assessed Value.

DEFINITIONS

2 Section 6 is add and the following included therefore:

Base Cost means the equally distributed annual administrative cost of transit network membership.

Transit Opportunity means the population within 400m of a bus stop multiplied by the number of times a bus stops at that location on an annual basis.

Annual Mileage means the number of annual transit kilometers required to provide service.

Actual Assessed Value means the Actual Assessed Hospital Value as defined annually by BC Assessment

CITATION

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READ A SECOND TIME this	20 th	day of	February, 2020.
READ A THIRD TIME this	20 th	day of	February, 2020.

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Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

APPROVED by the Inspector of Municipalities on the day of , 2020.

ASSENT RECEIVED as per the Local Government Act – Consent has been received from at least two-thirds of the participants

ADOPTED this

day of

, 2020.

Aimee Watson, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer

BYLAW NO. 1794

A Bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 1783, being the "Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1783, 2005"

WHEREAS a service has been established by the Regional District of Central Kootenay by Bylaw No. 1783, being the "Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1783, 2005";

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay deems it expedient to amend Bylaw No. 1783 to expand the service area to include that portion of Electoral Area A included in the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to section 802(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act*, consent on behalf of the municipal and electoral area electors has been received in accordance with sections 801.4 and 801.5 respectively

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

- 1. The "Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1783, 2005" is hereby amended as follows:
 - (1) Section 1 is hereby deleted and the following is substituted therefore:

"The Regional District hereby establishes within a portion of the District, a service for the purpose of providing transit within the boundaries of the service area shown outlined on the plan attached, titled "Schedule A to Bylaw 1783 (as amended by Bylaw 1794)"

(2) Section 2 is hereby deleted and the following is substituted therefore:

"The participating areas in the service established under Section 1 of this bylaw, include all electoral areas and municipalities on the west side of Kootenay Lake, namely Electoral Areas D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K, that portion of Electoral Area A included in the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District and the municipalities of Castlegar, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton and Slocan." 2. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1794, 2005"

READ A FIRST TIME this	10 th	day of	December, 2005.
READ A SECOND TIME this	10 th	day of	December, 2005.
READ A THIRD TIME this	10 th	day of	December, 2005.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the "Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1794, 2005" as read a third time by the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board on the 10th day of December , 2005.

SECRETARY

CONSENTED to on behalf of the Electors in the Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Area in accordance with Section 802(1)(b).

APPROVED by the Inspector of Municipalities on the 30th day of March , 2006.

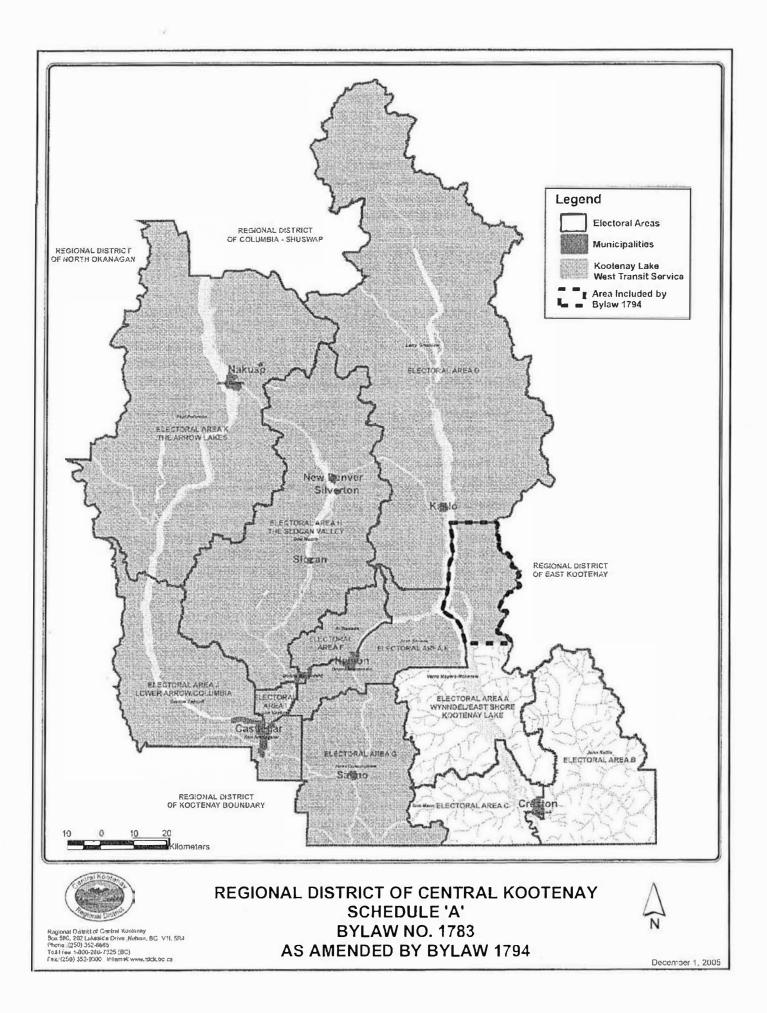
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ADOPTED this

22nd day of

, 2006.

CHAIR



BYLAW NO. 1783

A bylaw to establish a transit service for all electoral areas and municipalities on the west side of Kootenay Lake

WHEREAS, a regional district may, by bylaw, establish and operate a service under the provisions of Part 24 of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay wishes to establish a service for the purpose of providing transit to a portion of the Regional District including all electoral areas and municipalities on the west side of Kootenay Lake, namely Electoral Areas D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K and the municipalities of Castlegar, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton and Slocan;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 801(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act*, the approval of the electors within the participating area has been obtained in accordance with Section 801.3;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1. The Regional District hereby establishes within a portion of District, a service for the purpose of providing transit within the boundaries of the service area shown outlined on the plan attached, as Schedule A, to this bylaw and known as the "Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Area".
- 2. The participating areas in the service established under Section 1 of this bylaw, include all electoral areas and municipalities on the west side of Kootenay Lake, namely Electoral Areas D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K and the municipalities of Castlegar, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton and Slocan
- 3. The annual cost of providing this service shall be recovered by a property value tax to be imposed in the manner provided by Section 803 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act.
- 4. The maximum amount of money that may be requisitioned annually to be collected by means of a property value tax under Sections 805 and 806 shall not exceed the greater of \$81,000 or \$.024 per \$1,000 of the net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area.

Bylaw 1783 Page 2

5. This bylaw may be cited as the "Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1783, 2005".

READ A FIRST TIME this	24 th	day of	September	, 2005.
READ A SECOND TIME this	24 th	day of	September	, 2005.
READ A THIRD TIME this	24 th	day of	September	, 2005.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the "Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1783, 2005" as read a third time by the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board on the 24th day of September, 2005.

SECRETARY

APPROVED by the Inspector of Municipalities the 13th day of October, 2005.

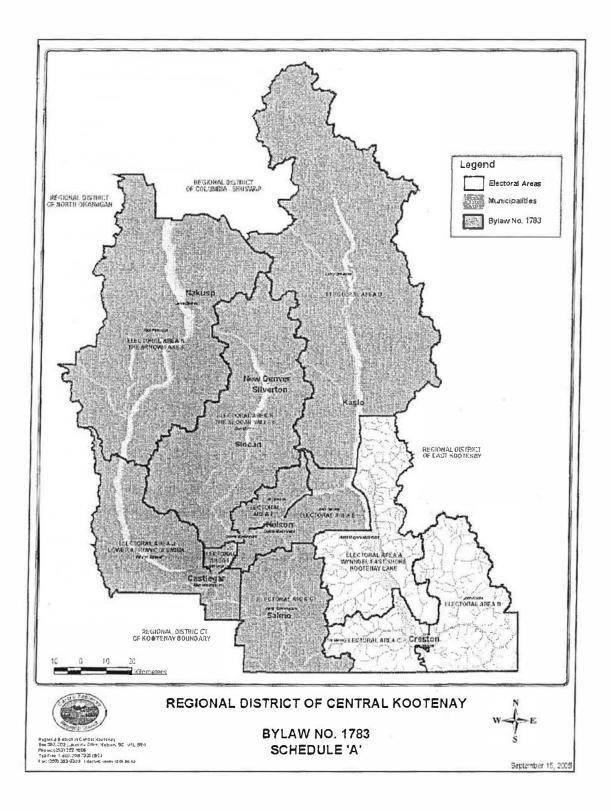
ELECTOR ASSENT obtained in those areas participating in the service pursuant to Section 801.3 of the *Local Government Act*.

ADOPTED this 10th day of

December, 2005.

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Bylaw No. 2707

A Bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 1783, being the "Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw", by increasing the annual requisition limit.

WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay established a service for the purpose of providing public transit by adopting *Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1783, 2005*, as amended;

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APPROVED by the Inspector of Municipalities on the day of

, 2021.

ASSENT RECEIVED as per the Local Government Act – Consent on behalf of participating area.

ADOPTED this day of , 2021.

Aimee Watson, Board Chair

Mike Morrison, Corporate Officer



Letter of Consent Bylaw No. 2707

We, the Council of the Village of New Denver in the Regional District of Central Kootenay, do hereby consent, on behalf of the Village of New Denver electors, to the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay adopting Bylaw No. 2707 being:

"Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Amendment Bylaw No. 2707, 2021"

which increases the annual requisition limit for the Kootenay Lake West Transit Service.

Lisa Scott, Corporate Officer Village of New Denver Regional District of Central Kootenay Councillor (Director) Colin Moss Village of New Denver Regional District of Central Kootenay