

**New Denver Village**  
**November 9, 2021 - Regular Council Meeting - 07:00 PM**

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Circular No. 21:16

October 19, 2021

To: All Chief Administrative Officers

Re: **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program:**  
**Green Infrastructure - Environmental Quality Program – Open for Intake**

### **Environmental Quality (EQ) Program**

The Province of British Columbia and Government of Canada have partnered on the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to fund Green; Community, Culture and Recreation; Public Transit; and Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure. The ICIP provides communities across British Columbia a variety of funding opportunities to build sustainable communities, to help create long term economic growth, and to support a low carbon, green economy.

On Friday, October 8, 2021, the third intake of the **Environmental Quality (EQ) Program** was announced, with a **closing date of January 26, 2022**. The Province and Canada are committing up to \$270 million to support cost-sharing of capital infrastructure projects in communities across the Province. This intake is designed for projects starting in 2023 and completing by 2026.

The EQ Program provides support for reliable water and wastewater systems that meet legislated standards or projects that result in legislative standards being met. It will also support projects that remediate contaminated sites, divert solid waste from landfill, provide treatment or management for stormwater and reduce or remediate soil & air pollutants.

Applications also demonstrating principles of sustainability through long-term community plans and asset management, as well as consideration for environmental enhancement, climate change, water conservation, resource recovery and reuse, and added value for a better planet will have the best chance of success given the oversubscription rates in past intakes.

Grant applications are assessed in the context of published program eligibility guidelines and consideration is given to projects demonstrating alignment with program criteria. This reinforces the expectation that grant funds are allocated fairly and equitably between competing projects.

Program information, including Program Guide, application instructions and links to the application are now available on the ICIP website: [www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program](http://www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program).

### Infrastructure Planning Grants (IPGP)

The **Infrastructure Planning Grant Program (IPGP)** is available to assist local governments in preparing for future grant programs. The IPGP intake is open year-round with two program review deadlines. The next deadline is on **December 15, 2021**.

The IPGP provides an opportunity to obtain grant funding up to \$10,000 to help local governments plan, design and manage infrastructure. The Program can assist in the development of long-term comprehensive plans, feasibility studies and preliminary designs that will improve public health and safety, enhance environmental protection, and increase infrastructure sustainability.

Program information and a link to the application is available on the Ministry's website at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/grants-transfers/grants/infrastructure-planning-grant-program>.

The Ministry is pleased to provide advice on what is looked for in a successful application for any of our grant programs. Please contact the Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch by telephone at: 250-387-4060, or by email at: [infra@gov.bc.ca](mailto:infra@gov.bc.ca).

Brian Bedford



Executive Director  
Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs



October 26, 2021

Ref: 268550

Mayors and Regional District Chairs of British Columbia

Dear Mayors and Chairs:

I am writing to you to provide you with an overview of the proposed legislative amendments in [Bill 26](#), the *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2)*, 2021 that was introduced by Minister Josie Osborne in the B.C. Legislature today.

Bill 26 proposes amendments to various pieces of provincial legislation including the *Community Charter* and the *Local Government Act* among other acts. The amendments will address a variety of topics including:

- new tools to help local governments support housing supply by streamlining their development approval processes,
- modernized public notice requirements,
- the requirement for councils and boards to consider codes of conduct, and
- community specific amendments including allowing the dissolution of the Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality.

Together, the amendments in this bill will have meaningful impact by providing authorities that support efficient and effective local government operations. These amendments address issues not contemplated by existing legislation, and they will enable local governments to respond to circumstances in their community and provide new tools to increase the efficiency and timelines of housing development.

The Province's news release and information bulletin for the legislation are available here:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/25595>

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/25596>

Progress of Bill 26 in the B.C. Legislature can be tracked [here](#).

Here are further details regarding the items in Bill 26. I will send a circular with further technical details on the amendments to local government Chief Administrative Officers shortly.

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### **Development Approvals Process Review**

To support the streamlining of local government development approvals process and increased housing supply, this bill proposes legislation to remove the default requirement for local governments to hold public hearings for zoning bylaws that are consistent with an official community plan and enable local governments to delegate minor development variance permits to local government staff.

The Province initiated the Development Approvals Process Review (DAPR) to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of development approvals as a way to support the affordability and timeliness of new housing supply getting to market. Stakeholders who participated in DAPR consultations identified process improvement in relation to public hearings and delegation of authority in certain matters from council to municipal staff as two initial areas of action that could have an impact on streamlining development approvals.

### **Modernizing Public Notice Requirements**

We have heard from local governments that the existing notice requirements under local government legislation do not fully meet community needs and the realities of modern electronic communication, particularly in smaller and rural communities.

Bill 26 addresses these concerns by modernizing the options for providing statutory notice to citizens, similar to other provinces. The bill creates a new “local choice” option for local governments to determine and specify, by bylaw, the means of public notice that will have the broadest reach in their communities. This change recognizes that local governments are in the best position to determine how to notify and engage community members and provide greater flexibility for them to reach a wider audience.

Where the existing rules are working well for communities, there will be no requirement to change, and they may continue to use the newspapers for notice. However, the new rules provide additional choices and modernized options for communities that determine they have need for additional or alternative approaches.

### **Code of Conduct**

The bill contains changes that aim to strengthen the responsible conduct of local elected officials. Codes of conduct set shared expectations for behaviour, and these amendments will add a new requirement for all municipal councils and regional district boards to publicly consider the development of a code of conduct for their council or board members.

Currently, there is no requirement for local governments to develop codes of conduct or engage in a conversation about having a code of conduct. The changes in this bill create a standardized process for elected officials to engage in regular and meaningful dialogue about how they will govern together while demonstrating their accountability to the public.

The proposed approach has been developed through a joint Ministry Working Group with UBCM and LGMA and responds to calls for more tools to strengthen local government responsible conduct and was

supported through an endorsed resolution of the membership of the Union of BC Municipalities at the September 2021 Convention.

These changes will not take effect until a regulation to bring them into force is passed – likely in Spring 2022. Additional guidance material will be provided to local governments when the changes are brought into force.

#### **Dissolution of Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality**

Amendments in this bill will enable the dissolution of the Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality (Jumbo). Jumbo was incorporated as a mountain resort municipality in 2013, with no residents, to facilitate the development of a ski resort in the Jumbo Valley.

Specialized provisions are required for the dissolution of Jumbo as the existing authorities are not sufficient to dissolve a municipality without residents or to accommodate changes to revert this area to the Regional District of East Kootenay. The amendments will also repeal the authority to incorporate a mountain resort municipality without residents, like Jumbo, in the future.

The provisions in this bill to enable the dissolution of the municipality at Jumbo are also integral to the agreement between the province and the Ktunaxa Nation to create an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area in the Jumbo Valley.

#### **Islands Trust Act Amendments**

Bill 26 includes amendments to the *Islands Trust Act* that address specific requests made by the Islands Trust. The amendments will support effective governance by ensuring the Islands Trust is able to meet its specialized mandate to “preserve and protect” the Trust Area.

The Islands Trust has demonstrated leadership in reconciliation efforts in its dealings with First Nations’ interests in Islands Trust governance and activities. The proposed changes in this bill amend the *Islands Trust Act* to include a specific reference to First Nations in the Trust’s objective statement in the Act to recognize and enshrine its ongoing relationship and reconciliation efforts with First Nations.

Amendments will also enable the Islands Trust to provide financial support to third parties for activities that provide education about or preserve the environment and unique amenities of the Trust Area. This ability to support community efforts to educate about the Islands Trust environment and unique amenities complement the existing ability to support heritage and history projects that already exists in the Act.

And finally, the proposed amendments will streamline development approvals processes in the Islands Trust by enabling local trust committees to adopt and amend Development Approval Information bylaws. This change is consistent with other authorities of Local Trust Areas in the Trust and will create efficiencies in approval processes.

**Powell River Incorporation Act**

Bill 26 adds new targeted amendments to the unique statute incorporating the City of Powell River – the *Powell River Incorporation Act* (PRIA) - as requested by the City of Powell River. The PRIA contains extensive limitations on municipal regulation of the mill in Powell River and the “Mill Site” area of the City. These provisions protected the operations of the pulp mill at the time of incorporation but reduced activity of the mill and transfer of mill lots to the City have made these restrictions a constraint on economic development of those lots – now owned by the City.

The proposed amendments will support the City’s economic development objectives by removing city owned parcels from the “Mill Site” area to allow for further development of those parcels. This proposal is supported by the current mill owner, Paper Excellence and the Tla’amin First Nation.

I trust you find this information helpful, and I also appreciate you communicating back this information from the province to your councils and boards, to your local government staff and to your communities.

Kind regards,



Tara Faganello  
Assistant Deputy Minister

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Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM  
Nancy Taylor, Executive Director, LGMA  
Todd Pugh, Executive Director, Civic Info  
Chief Administrative Officers of BC





## Columbia River Treaty Monthly Update for the Local Governments' Committee – September 2021

*Issued Oct 15, 2021*

### Highlights

- Latest Columbia River Treaty Newsletter
- Columbia Basin Regional Advisory Committee's November meeting
- Columbia River Treaty Heritage Project
- Creston Valley Dikes Management

### Canada-U.S. Treaty Negotiations

- There are no new updates regarding Canada-U.S. Columbia River Treaty negotiations.
- We continue to await a response from the U.S. to the proposal tabled by the Canadian team at the 10<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations in June 2020.
- Sylvain Fabi, Canada's Chief Negotiator for the Columbia River Treaty, continues to be in touch with U.S. lead negotiator, Jill Smail, conveying that Canada is ready to resume discussions when they are.

### Public Engagement

#### **CRT Newsletter**

- The [latest CRT Newsletter](#) was published on October 4, 2021.
- This edition features articles on: Indigenous representation and reconciliation in the Treaty modernization process, Canada's Chief CRT Negotiator's [presentation](#) at the 2021 Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) Annual Summit, a new interpretive sign at the Columbia River Headwaters, and a look at ways in which salmon restoration is being addressed in Treaty modernization.
- It also includes the second installment of the Youth Spotlight series, in which young people from the Basin share their perspectives on the River and/or the Treaty. Aislinn Dressler shares her journey from taking part in the Wildsight Columbia River Field School to being inspired to join the Interior Youth Parliament and advocating for the Columbia River Treaty.
- Subscribe to the newsletter and read previous editions on the [B.C. CRT website](#).



### **Columbia Basin Regional Advisory Committee (CBRAC)**

- CBRAC met by Zoom on September 29, 2021 for a presentation from BC Hydro on dry year operations.
- The presentation slides contained confidential information and will not be shared publicly. However, non-confidential summary notes from the meeting will be posted to the [CBRAC website](#) by the end of October.
- CBRAC had been tentatively planning to meet in November for its first combined in-person and virtual gathering since the pandemic began. The meeting was set to take place in Trail, B.C.
- The CBRAC Steering Committee met on October 8 and made the decision to cancel the in-person portion of the meeting as COVID-19 cases are still rising. The Steering Committee is organizing a virtual meeting instead.
- Three CBRAC members stepped down from their citizen positions in September and October: Robyn Duncan (Kimberley), Giles Shearing (Revelstoke) and Mike Cantle (Golden). Mike had been with CBRAC since its inception in 2014.
- The B.C. Treaty Team is accepting expressions of interest from citizens in Cranbrook, Kimberley, Revelstoke (due Oct. 17) and Golden (due Nov. 7). Details are on the [CBRAC webpage](#).

### **Ongoing Communication**

- The Province continues to communicate with the public through its CRT Newsletter, website and social media channels. As always, the B.C. CRT Team is open to suggestions for how to connect more effectively with Basin residents, especially youth, on the CRT. Please email [Brooke.McMurchy@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brooke.McMurchy@gov.bc.ca) if you are aware of any opportunities in your communities.

### **Community Interest Projects**

The B.C. CRT Team continues work on addressing community interests that have been raised throughout the Province's public engagement on the Treaty. Progress updates on some of the projects are listed below.

### **Columbia Basin Agriculture Support**

- The feedback period for the discussion paper 'Overview of Agricultural Interests in the B.C. Columbia Basin and Existing Programs and Initiatives', posted on the Columbia River Treaty [website](#), closed on September 15, 2021. Four submissions were received, including a request to ensure the Kootenai Agriculture Sector recommendations presented to the Columbia Basin Regional Advisory Committee in Spring 2019 are considered as part of this process.
- Following an analysis of these submissions, the B.C. CRT Team will consider next steps.
- A summary report will be posted on the Columbia River Treaty website by December 2021.



### **Columbia River Treaty Heritage Project**

- Originally scheduled for late spring but delayed because of COVID-19 concerns, the Denise Cook Design team recently undertook an exploratory tour of the Columbia Basin to examine potential Columbia River Treaty Heritage Project locations.
- Options for the CRT Heritage Project's visual identity continue to be reviewed with no date identified for a decision by the Steering Committee. Following a decision, further work on the website, communication materials and community outreach can proceed.
- The Workplan Framework for Indigenous Nations projects is expected to be discussed at the October 12, 2021 meeting.

### **Creston Valley Dikes Management**

- The Town of Creston, on behalf of the Creston Valley Flood Management Partnership (CVFMP), was successful in their application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF). A Columbia Basin Trust grant will cover one-time start-up costs for a coordinator to manage the CEPF project and work with CVFMP members. These were ineligible costs under the CEPF.
- A CVFMP meeting was held on September 27, 2021. The CVFMP consists of the Town of Creston, Regional District of Central Kootenay, Yaqan Nukiy, and six diking authorities - Creston Diking District, Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area, Duck Lake Diking District, Goat River Residents Association, Nick's Island Diking District and Reclamation Diking District.
- A CVFMP hiring committee is being formed to select a suitable candidate for the position of coordinator. The hiring process is expected to be completed by the end of November 2021.

### **Koocanusa Reservoir Safety Signage**

- BC Hydro advises they have no property on Koocanusa Reservoir where they can install signage and suggest working with RDEK and the Crown. They provided examples of summer and winter appropriate safety signage to Area Director Stan Doehle.
- B.C. CRT Team has made initial contact with staff from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (BC Parks), Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (Regional Operations and Recreation & Trails BC) and RDEK staff to inform them of the safety signs issue and begin discussions on appropriate locations and messaging.





### **Lardeau Valley**

- A meeting, organized by RDCK Chair Aimee Watson, was held on August 30 to review the Lardeau Valley Power Feasibility report, the options discussed in the report, and funding for projects. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Lardeau area, BC Hydro, Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) and the B.C. CRT Team. During the meeting CBT agreed to fund a survey to determine how many households have back up generation so as to inform next steps in addressing how to mitigate impacts of outages. The CBT may also provide funding for back up generation in public spaces such as community centres. No timelines were given regarding completion of the survey and/or next steps.

### **Valemount Air Quality Project**

- The Village of Valemount followed up with Hemmera Envirochem Inc. on the recommendations in the Air Quality Data Review, requesting a proposal and cost estimate for the work. The Village has sufficient funds to cover the sampling work. The Village received feedback from a provincial air quality expert on what the proposed sampling would and would not be able to definitively identify .
- Information gathered from various ministries/agencies on permitting and other requirements for a potential geothermal district energy system project was also provided to Village staff.

### ***Projects Being Monitored***

#### **Duncan Dam Fish Passage**

- No new updates since March 2021.
- BC Hydro has decided to proceed to the detailed design and installation phase to replace the fish weir at Duncan Dam. The detailed design for the project will be completed by the fall of 2021, and construction is expected to take place in the summers of 2023 and 2024.

#### **Connectivity/Broadband**

- No new updates since March 2021.
- A cross-government working group has been formed to look at opportunities to improve deployment of cellular and broadband infrastructure as part of the Province's focus on supporting economic recovery and getting high-speed internet to as many communities as possible as quickly as possible.



### **Ecosystem Enhancement – Spatial Mapping Products**

- No new updates since Jan. 2021.
- Arrow and Kinbasket Reservoir spatial mapping data was given to the CRT Ecosystem Function Sub-Committee and to Selkirk College for the CRT portal being developed as part of their [Rural Open Data](#) initiative.
- Communication on public access to the CRT Portal is expected in early fall 2021.

### **Koocanusa Debris Management**

- No new updates since July 2021.
- Unexpectedly high reservoir levels this summer, linked to greater glacial melt entering tributaries due to the summer's heat dome, resulted in even more debris entering Koocanusa. No changes are expected in BC Hydro's debris management program.
- Better coordination with the U.S., at Treaty negotiations regarding this topic, would improve debris management.

### **Nakusp Marina and Breakwater Repairs**

- The first phase of the Nakusp marina and breakwater repair project was completed in July 2020. The Village of Nakusp is seeking funding to repair another 300 feet of the breakwater.
- The Village was expected to meet with BC Hydro at UBCM in September 2021.

### **Treaty Operating Week**

- No new updates since July 2021.
- The current Treaty Operating Week results in Lower Columbia flow changes over seven days, beginning on Friday/ Saturday, impacting weekend recreational users.
- The Treaty Operating Week is a clause in the Columbia River Treaty and any proposed changes would need to be included in negotiations.

### ***Projects on Pause***

- **Kinbasket Recreational Opportunities** – Waiting for a project proposal from Golden Community Coop.
- **Grants in Lieu of Taxes** – Standing by to receive questions from the LGC.



# COLUMBIA River Treaty



To: Regional Districts, Boards of Directors  
Valemount Town Council

Date: November 1, 2021

From: Linda Worley, Chair  
Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee

## Subject: Update on Committee Activities

With the summer disruptions, since our last update in June the Committee has held three virtual meetings and hosted the annual webinar update on the Columbia [Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program](#).

### Highlights for July to October 2021

- **Koocanusa reservoir levels and downstream impacts** – In May the BC CRT Team released their report: [Exploring the Feasibility of Building a Proposed Weir/Dam on Koocanusa Reservoir - Summary of a Preliminary Assessment and Public Feedback](#). In August the Regional District of East Kootenay approved a [motion on Koocanusa reservoir levels](#) that was 'subject to consideration of downstream impacts'. The Committee invited Kathy Eichenberger, Executive Director of the BC CRT Team to discuss the Team's planned next steps in light of these two events and the potential for downstream impacts.

Ms. Eichenberger explained that once the new customized computer model of the Columbia and Kootenay River hydro electric operations has been further refined to include Libby dam operations and performance measures are added (see below), a range of scenarios of Koocanusa reservoir elevations will be evaluated, including downstream impacts. The Team will then work with the Committee to design and implement engagement with impacted communities to seek input on the scenario results and opportunities to balance impacts. The Committee has responded positively to Ms. Eichenberger's approach as it is consistent with the desires of Basin local governments and residents, as expressed in the Committee's recommendations (see attached letter).

- **Integrating socio-economic interests in CRT scenarios** – This initiative is funded by the Province to provide performance measures for socio-economic interests for scenario evaluations using the customized river management computer model. Socio-economic interests such as flood risk management, recreation, tourism, dust generation and others are important to communities.

In September we welcomed Lauren Rethoret, Coordinator at the Selkirk College Rural Development Initiative to the project team as a researcher. The team has been reviewing detailed reports and reaching out to clarify and update some of the information that has been compiled. This is a substantial initiative, covering all of the reservoirs in the Basin and the full range of socio-economic interests. Basin residents will be invited to provide feedback on draft performance measures before the Committee makes their recommendations to the province in 2022.

Other groups are working on performance measures for ecosystem function, Indigenous cultural values and power generation.

- **Modernized domestic CRT governance** – The CRT Negotiations Advisory Team, which includes the five governments involved in negotiating a modernized Treaty have an initiative underway to examine potential Canadian domestic governance models for the Treaty. This initiative explores both the role of

Indigenous Nations in the context of the [United Nations Declaration on the Right of Indigenous Peoples \(UNDRIP\)](#), and how Basin communities could have a voice in future decisions regarding Treaty operations planning. The Committee has been preparing to engage in this critically important initiative and expects to be invited to participate in the process before the end of the year.

- **Considering relevant Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action and adopting the UNDRIP** – In their presentation to the Committee in April, Dr. John Borrows, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law, and Deborah Curran, Executive Director of the UVic Environmental Law Centre, encouraged the Committee to review the [Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action](#) to identify any that are relevant to the Committee and to consider adopting the UNDRIP. The Committee has invited [Dr. Nigel Bankes](#), Professor Emeritus, University of Calgary Faculty of Law, a scholar of the Columbia River Treaty and Indigenous relations, to advise the Committee regarding adopting UNDRIP. The Committee also intends to seek the perspectives of the regional Indigenous Nations.

**A recommended learning opportunity** – On Aug. 18, 2021, Canada's Chief Negotiator for the Columbia River Treaty, Sylvain Fabi, and B.C.'s Minister Responsible for the Treaty, the Honourable Katrine Conroy, took part virtually in a Water Infrastructure & Policy session at the [Pacific NorthWest Economic Region's \(PNWER\) 30th Annual Summit](#). The pair spoke about modernizing the Treaty, common myths, and why it's important for both countries to return to the negotiating table. The full session can be viewed on the [PNWER website](#).

### Ongoing

- **Negotiations** – The tenth round of CRT negotiations between Canada and the United States was conducted by web-conference, on June 29 and 30, 2020. No further negotiating sessions have been scheduled. The Canadian CRT Negotiating Team remains available to restart negotiations and are eagerly awaiting the U.S. Team. We continue to be assured that the Canadian and U.S. Lead Negotiators are in regular contact.
- **Community interests** – Committee members continue to follow-up with the Province on actions requested by community members at the 2018 and 2019 community meetings, and new issues that are identified by community members.

Several initiatives that are underway to address specific community interests are described in the attached September Local Governments Committee Update from the BC CRT Team.

- **Columbia Basin Regional Advisory Committee (CBRAC)** – CBRAC has been meeting via webinars due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. A webinar on September 29 provided a detailed description of BC Hydro operations in dry year conditions, as was experienced over the summer. A two day face-to-face meeting was planned in November but this has been changed to a one day virtual meeting due to concerns over COVID risks.

The CBRAC terms of reference, membership and meeting summaries as well as presentations and reports discussed at these meetings are available on the [CBRAC webpage](#).

- **BC Hydro communications and engagement** – The Committee continues to provide suggestions to BC Hydro about how it might refine its communications and engagement with Basin local governments and residents. The Committee will meet with BC Hydro staff in November to discuss suggestions and will be providing suggestions for the upcoming Water Use Plan Order Reviews.

I encourage you to stay informed about CRT negotiations by visiting the [CRT engagement website](#) and signing up for the CRT e-letter. This site will be the source of accurate, updated information as negotiations progress. You can learn more about the Committee at our [website](#).

**Committee Members**

RDKB - Linda Worley, Regional Director (LGC Chair) and Diane Langman, Village of Warfield Mayor/RDKB Chair

RDEK - Stan Doehle, Regional Director (LGC Vice Chair) and Jane Walter, Regional Director

RDCK – Aimee Watson, Regional Director/RDCK Chair, Ramona Faust, Regional Director

CSRD – David Brooks-Hill, Regional Director and Mayor Ron Oszust, Town of Golden

Village of Valemount – Donnie MacLean, Councilor

AKBLG – Mayor Clara Reinhardt, Village of Radium Hotsprings/President, Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments



## COLUMBIA River Treaty



October 22, 2021

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Sent by email to: [Kathy.Eichenberger@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kathy.Eichenberger@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Kathy:

Thank you for taking time to speak with the Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee on the province's plans following the public input on the [Kootenay Weir Feasibility Study](#) and the [August 2021 motion](#) by the Regional District of East Kootenays (RDEK) on Kootenay water levels.

We are very encouraged to hear again that the ongoing Treaty negotiations are pursuing increased coordination of Libby dam, so that this dam is managed jointly, as exists with the other Treaty dams. This is consistent with the views of residents and the Committee's [Recommendations](#) below:

**Canadian Input to Libby Dam Operations:** The Province must bring Libby Dam fully into the Treaty so that it can be managed as the Committee recommends for other Treaty dams – for power generation, flood control, ecosystem functions, recreation, tourism and other interests. This management needs to include a formal mechanism to ensure Canadian interests are meaningfully incorporated into operational decisions at Libby Dam, just as U.S. interests are accounted for in the operation of the Canadian Treaty dams.

Libby dam operations and resulting Kootenay reservoir levels impact downstream flows through to the border and Kootenay Lake elevations. This makes it essential to local governments and residents with interests from Kootenay reservoir to the border, and the Committee, that downstream impacts are taken into account in any decisions about Kootenay reservoir levels. The Committee notes that the RDEK motion references the need to consider downstream impacts.

We support your plan to use the new Columbia River Treaty Planning Model (CRTPM) to evaluate scenarios for alternative Kootenay reservoir levels and the impacts on the full range of interests on the reservoir and through the Kootenay system to the border, including recreation-tourism, ecosystem function, cultural values, flooding, power generation and others. Our ongoing work to develop up-to-date performance measures for the socio-economic interests (e.g. recreation-tourism, erosion, agriculture and flooding) will support this evaluation.

Once this information is available, we look forward to working with you to develop and implement meaningful community engagement for all impacted areas to secure input on the alternatives as the foundation for evidence-based decisions. It is also essential to the Committee that Indigenous Nations are fully involved in these decisions, on a government-to-government level, as they are involved in the CRT negotiations.

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## COLUMBIA River Treaty

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This process will begin to fulfil some of the hopes of local governments, residents and the Committee for a water management process for the Kootenay system as stated in the Committee's Recommendation below:

**A Water Management Process for the Kootenay River:** Residents with interests in the Kootenay River system in the Canadian Columbia Basin have told us they have no clear way of understanding if and how their interests are taken into account in operational decisions about water management in this system. They have concerns about flooding, impacts on fish habitat, spring drawdown for fisheries in the U.S., dyke infrastructure damage and other topics that require a system-wide perspective to understand and consider potential solutions. For several years the Committee has advocated for the Province and all Canadian operators on the Kootenay River system to work together to collectively initiate a process for the Kootenay River system to better understand how hydro operations benefit or impact the full range of interests, and to address the impacts.

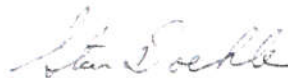
The Committee continues to encourage the Province and all Canadian hydro operators on the Kootenay River system to address this gap.

Thank you again for meeting with the Committee and for your thoughtful plan going forward.

On behalf of the CRT Local Governments' Committee,



Linda Worley, Chair, Regional Director  
Appointed by the Regional District of Kootenay  
Boundary



Stan Doehle, Vice-Chair, Regional Director  
Appointed by the Regional District of East  
Kootenays

c.c. Rob Gay, RDEK Chair  
Kathryn Teneese, Nation Executive Council Chair and Bill Green, CRT Observer, Ktunaxa Nation  
Kukpi7 Wayne Christian, Council Chief and Nathan Matthews, CRT Observer, Secwépemc Nation  
Chief Clarence Louie, Chiefs Executive Council Chair and Jay Johnson, CRT Observer, Syilx Nation  
Mark Thomas, Shuswap Indian Band  
Sylvain Fabi, CRT Lead Negotiator and Stephen Gluck, Deputy Director, Global Affairs Canada



**CRT Local Government Committee members:**

Linda Worley, Chair, Regional Director, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Stan Doehle, Vice Chair, Regional Director, Regional District of the East Kootenays

Aimee Watson, Regional Director and Chair, Regional District of Central Kootenay

Ramona Faust, Regional Director, Regional District of Central Kootenay

Diane Langman, Mayor, Village of Warfield and appointed by Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Jane Walter, Regional Director, Regional District of the East Kootenays

Ron Oszust, Mayor, Town of Golden and appointed by Columbia-Shuswap Regional District

David Brooks-Hill, Regional Director, Columbia Shuswap Regional District

Donnie MacLean, Councillor, Village of Valemount

Clara Reinhardt, Mayor, Village of Radium Hot Springs; President and appointed by the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments

**From:** Dan Elliott <DElliott@rdck.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** October 26, 2021 2:55 PM  
**Subject:** RDCK Media Release - Board Meeting - October 2021 Highlights

## **REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY MEDIA RELEASE**

For Immediate Release  
October 26, 2021

### **Board Meeting – October 2021 Highlights**

[Click here](#) to view on the RDCK website

#### **Moment of Silence for John Beerbower**

The Board acknowledged the passing of John Beerbower with a moment of silence. The Electoral Area E Alternate Director was heavily involved in local matters as a dedicated and committed member of the community. The RDCK Board offers their condolences to his partner Coby and daughter Laurel.

#### **Board supports expansion of local bus service**

The Board will send a letter to Mountain Man Mike's Bus Service in support of its service expansion plan to streamline service from Vancouver through the Okanagan, Kootenays and on to Calgary. Public support for expansion is required by the Passenger Transportation Board. Mountain Man Mike's Bus Service has filled the void left when Greyhound Canada eliminated all domestic routes in Western Canada three years ago. Currently Mountain Man Mike's offer transportation between Kaslo and Vancouver and Kaslo and Calgary with stops in between.

#### **Proposed amendments for 570 Johnstone Road do not pass**

The Board approved no further action be taken in regard to the proposed amendments to Electoral Area 'F' Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw and the RDCK Zoning Amendment Bylaw for 570 Johnstone Road. Formerly the North Shore Elementary School, the property was recently purchased by Valid Manufacturing with the intention of changing the OCP and zoning from institutional to a proposed new industrial high tech zone.

No further action means the owner of the property cannot reapply for the same bylaw amendment or make an amendment to the application for six months.

Community opposition to the proposed amendments was significant. At a public hearing in late September, 56 people attended, including the applicant. The majority of the verbal submissions (53 of 56 submissions) were opposed to the application for the proposed amendments. Public concerns included future use of the property, safety concerns on Johnstone Road, water capacity, noise and light pollution, rural character and public use of property.

#### **Galena Trail Cable Car restoration contract**

The Board awarded the Galena Trail Cable Car Restoration to Wildland Recreation Solutions to a maximum value of \$177,870. The Galena Trail, popular with hikers and bike riders, is a 13 km trail running from Rosebery to Three Forks. The cable car runs across Carpenter Creek, allowing for easy crossing to continue along the trail. The cable car's anchor system was damaged during spring freshet in 2020 and has been closed ever since. The project completion is set for mid-July 2022.

## Discretionary Grant

### AREA A

Crawford Bay Elementary/Secondary School – Bussing Student Trips	\$4,200
East Shore Trail and Bike Association – Liability Insurance Renewal	\$1,730
Helping Hands – Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon	\$150

### AREA B

Fields Forward Society – Ministry of Agriculture Visit	\$1,500
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### AREA E

Blewett Conservation Society – Hiring Coordinator/Administrator	\$2,000
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### AREA F

Blewett Conservation Society – Hiring Coordinator/Administrator	\$1,000
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## Community Development Grant

### AREA D

Johnsons Landing Community Association – FireSmart and Tool Library Projects	\$4,750
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### AREA E

Blewett Conservation Society – Hiring Coordinator/Administrator	\$4,200
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### AREA H

Slocan Valley Historical Society – Japanese Canadian Fishing Vessel Shelter	\$2,500
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### AREA J

Deer Park Recreation Society – Operating Expenses	\$15,000
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### AREA K

Indian Residential Survivors Society – Supporting Survivors and Families – Various Programs	\$4,000
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### CRESTON

Town of Creston – SKLCCS Reconnect Conference	\$500
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## Community Works Fund

### AREA E

Sunshine Estates Water Utility Society – Power Generator Upgrade Project	\$15,200
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**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Lisa Scott, CAO

**DATE:** November 4, 2021

**SUBJECT:** RDCK Recreation Commission appointments

**PURPOSE:** To appoint representatives to the Slocan Lake Recreation Commission No. 6

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Village of New Denver reappoint Councillor Gerald Wanger as Council's presentative and Councillor John Fyke be appointed as Council's alternate presentative on Recreation Commission #6 for the term of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, and further

That Tamara Barkowsky be reappointed as the New Denver area representative on Recreation Commission #6 for the term of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

**ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:**

1. **Not renew current Council appointments** - *reassign Councillor appointment to various committees and commissions*
2. **Not appoint New Denver area representative as recommended** – *advertise for interested applicants to apply to Council for consideration as representatives. The deadline for doing this is tight as the RDCK needs to receive notification of our appointments no later than November 29, 2021.*

**ANALYSIS:**

- A. **Background:** The RDCK Service Establishment Bylaw (and amendments thereto) require that the Village of New Denver periodically make appointments as their representatives to the Slocan Lake Recreation Commission No. 6 for terms of various lengths.
- B. **Discussion:** All of the current appointments, being one councillor and one alternate councillor for the term of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 and one New Denver area representative for the term of January 1 2022 to December 31, 2023 are currently due for reappointment.

Ms. Barkowsky has indicated she would like to continue to act as New Denver area representatives.

C. **Legislative Framework:** Nil

D. **Attachments:** Nil

E. **Council Strategic Priority:** Nil

F. **Communication Strategy:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Nil





October 14, 2021

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c/o Village of New Denver  
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Via Email: [cao@newdenver.ca](mailto:cao@newdenver.ca), [corporate@newdenver.ca](mailto:corporate@newdenver.ca)

Dear Director Moss:

**RE: COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER**

Attached you will find the current listing of appointees on file with the Regional District of Central Kootenay and their term expiry dates.

Any terms expiring December 31, 2021 will require appointments for Board endorsement at the December 9, 2021 Board meeting. Please forward all new Commission appointee's names and contact information (address, phone & email) to Angela Lund at [alund@rdck.bc.ca](mailto:alund@rdck.bc.ca) by **November 29, 2021** along with any revisions of the current appointees list.

<b>Slocan Lake Recreation Commission No. 6</b>	1 appointments <u>required</u> for the term January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023
	1 alternate appointment <u>vacant</u>
	1 Council appointment <u>required</u> for the term January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
	1 alternate Council appointment <u>required</u> for the term January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

**PLEASE NOTE:** The list does not include Advisory Planning Commissions appointments.

Thank you for your assistance in regards to this matter.

Sincerely,

Angela Lund  
Deputy Corporate Officer  
AL/MPH  
Enclosures: Appointment Lists



