



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

**Kaslo and Area D Economic Development
Commission S109
OPEN MEETING AGENDA**

1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 15, 2024

Village of Kaslo Council Chambers

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In-Person Location: 413 4th St, Kaslo BC – City Hall

Commissioner Hewat	Village of Kaslo
Commissioner Lang	Village of Kaslo
Commissioner Nay	Village of Kaslo
Commissioner Watson	Area D
Commissioner Brown	Area D
Commissioner Jones	Area D

STAFF

Stuart Horn	CAO, RDCK
Catherine Allaway	CO, Village of Kaslo
Karissa Stroshein	Legislative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff will call the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2024

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (3 Times)

3. CHAIR’S ADDRESS

4. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The December 11, 2023 Kaslo & Area D Economic Development Commission S109 minutes have been received.

7. IN-CAMERA

7.1 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved:

In the opinion of the Board - and, in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter* – the public interest so requires that persons other than DIRECTORS, ALTERNTAE DIRECTORS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF be excluded from the meeting;

AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, the meeting is to be closed on the basis(es) identified in the following Subsections:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.

8. DELEGATE

9. REPORTS

9.1 Final Report for Lardeau Valley Farm Infrastructure Project

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Discussion regarding Rats

11. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public.

12. NEXT MEETING

13. ADJOURNMENT



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Commissioner Lang	Village of Kaslo
Commissioner Davie	Village of Kaslo
Commissioner Nay	Village of Kaslo
Commissioner Watson	Area D
Commissioner Jones	Area D

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Brown	Area D
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STAFF

Yev Maloff CFO, RDCK
Catherine Allaway CO, Village of Kaslo

6 out of 7 voting Commission members were present – quorum was met.

GUESTS

Donna Cormie

1. ELECTION OF ACTING CHAIR

CO Allaway called for nominations for acting Chair.
Commissioner Watson nominated Commissioner Hewat
Commissioner Hewat accepted the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, Commissioner Hewat was elected by acclamation to the role of Acting Chair.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Hewat called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the December 11, 2023 Kaslo & Area D Economic Development Commission S109 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The October 16, 2023 Kaslo & Area D Economic Development Commission S109 minutes have been received.

6. DELEGATE – Nil

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Imagine Kootenay Steering Committee Update

Commissioner Hewat gave a verbal update on the Imagine Kootenay Steering Committee.

7.2 REDIP Grant Application

Commissioner Jones gave a verbal update on the REDIP grant application.

7.3 Creston EcoDepot Committee Report

Commissioner Watson gave a verbal update about a possible EcoDepot in Kaslo/Area D.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 2024 Budget

- Imagine Kootenay
- RDCK
- Village Of Kaslo

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That \$2,500 in funding for the Imagine Kootenay program be included in the draft budget for 2024.

Carried

8.2 Commission Stipend

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That Commissioner Hewat be reimbursed for travel expenses and paid a stipend for the September 26th, 2023 Imagine Kootenay Steering Committee meeting held in Nelson, BC.

Carried

8.3 Open House Meeting Date

The Commission discussed holding an open house in 2024.

8.4 2024 Meeting Calendar

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the 2024 meeting schedule be adopted as follows:

January 15
February 12
April 8
June 10
August 12
October 21
December 9

Carried

8.5 Letter of Support Village of Kaslo

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Commission approves the letter of support for the Village of Kaslo's REDIP application.

Carried

9. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 2:03 p.m.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Kaslo & Area D Economic Development Commission S109 meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Kaslo & Area D Economic Development Commission S109 meeting be adjourned at 2:06

Carried

Chair Hewat

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1. That \$2,500 in funding for the Imagine Kootenay program be included in the draft budget for 2024.*
- 2. That Commissioner Hewat be reimbursed for travel expenses and paid a stipend for the September 26th, 2023 Imagine Kootenay Steering Committee meeting held in Nelson, BC.*
- 3. That the 2024 meeting schedule be adopted as follows:*
 - January 15*
 - February 12*
 - April 8*
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**Lardeau Valley Farm Infrastructure Program 2024
Final Report**

Date: Dec 20, 2023

Project Contact: Chelsey Jones, LINKS ED. links@lardeauvalley.ca, 250-353-8675

Summarize infrastructure projects completed.

Grantee	Description
Michael Silver	24' x 8' Insulated room in an existing space that can house root crops through the winter.
Manon Van Tuyl	Heavy duty custom made steel livestock panels purchased. The panels are to be assembled in restraining/reinforcement areas. Each 10' panel weighs over 100lbs and therefore creates safety to the farmer.
Clint Syfchuk	Construction of a secure meat hanging outbuilding.
Noemi Kiss	Installation of landscape cloth and drip irrigation to entire blueberry farm
Rin Youngman	Safe and healthy shelter to egg layers and rabbits. The hens and rabbits are now safe from predators. Secure community grain storage space.
Rob Lang	Greenhouse construction for extended growing season and safe chicken shelter surrounding the greenhouses.
Trevor Funk	Completion of a well and pump house, specifically the electrical and final finishing of the pump house.

How are projects benefiting the farm business?

Grantee	Description
Michael Silver	Increased protected storage space for winter crop storage, also helps with order preparation and organization.
Manon Van Tuyl	Creates flexibility to use the panels anywhere on the property. For example, a calf that needs to be doctored can have the care done where the herd is instead of bringing the herd back to the barn.
Clint Syfchuk	The farmers are able to harvest animals at any time in the year. Having a clean and secure facility allows the farmers to process their own animals on site and not have to transport them to the nearest abattoir, Being able to

	hang and cool their own animals on farm is what ultimately gets the farmers their farm gate status.
Noemi Kiss	The landscape cloth saves labour time on weeding. The cloth can be removed when needed. The drip irrigation system allows for easy watering and to also fertilize the berries with a venturi type fertigation system. Both systems will radically reduce the amount of time spent maintaining the patch.
Rin Youngman	The farmer can increase the number of laying hens, rabbits and other meat animals in the future.
Rob Lang	Increased capacity to infrastructure will allow for safekeeping of the chickens as well as an extended growing season for veggies.
Trevor Funk	The completion of the well pump house is an overall improvement to the farm's water system. This allows for expanded produce production.

How are projects benefiting the community?

Grantee	Description
Michael Silver	Increased winter food storage and extended seasonal employment opportunities to Lardeau residents.
Manon Van Tuyl	Panels can be rented out to other farmers in need of the same infrastructure.
Clint Syfchuk	The farmers will need to hire farm helpers annually to help with animal management in the days leading up to the slaughter day as well as with the slaughtering process. The hanging cooler will also be available to community members to bring their own animals when they need a secure and safe place to hang their meat.
Noemi Kiss	Fresh organic blueberries/produce to the community. Interested in running community workshops to inform folks on how to lay drip irrigation.
Rin Youngman	Eggs and meat animals are available to the community. With the improved infrastructure, the farmer can now produce more eggs and more meat.
Rob Lang	The community benefits by having increased access to farm fresh eggs and access to fresh produce in the Lardeau Valley.
Trevor Funk	Increased capacity to grow produce ensures more food available to the community.

How are projects improving food security in the Lardeau Valley?

Grantee	Description
Michael Silver	Increased winter food storage holding capacity increases the community's foodshed in the seasons where growing is not an option due to environmental conditions.
Manon Van Tuyl	Maintenance and care for cattle creates access to healthy beef for local residents. Contributes to local food security in the Lardeau Valley.
Clint Syfchuk	The introduction of a safe and secure cooler is an encouraging factor for locals to raise their own animals as it reduces barriers to raising meat.
Noemi Kiss	More local food is being produced in the valley. Since they are the first blueberry farmers in the valley, they are diversifying the produce that is available within the foodshed.
Rin Youngman	More people in the community can now obtain local, organically raised eggs and rabbits There is plenty of grain storage to share.
Rob Lang	Food security will be improved by the increased access and availability of fresh veggies especially during the months when most people's gardens are no longer producing. Greenhouses will allow for that additional food security throughout the year.
Trevor Funk	Improvements to the well pump house allows for increased water usage on the farm. More production of vegetables means more local produce grown in the Lardeau Valley.

How are projects improving the overall economy of the Lardeau Valley?

Grantee	Description
Michael Silver	Economical and social improvements by increasing local organic winter food storage. The community gains longer meaningful small-scale employment, and increased healthy local food options.
Manon Van Tuyl	Beef available for sale and if needed, livestock for sale as well.
Clint Syfchuk	Job creation as the farmers will need to annually hire part-time workers to aid in the harvesting process.
Noemi Kiss	Some part time employment will be available during harvest time.

Rin Youngman	Some part time employment will be available during peak seasons.
Rob Lang	Sale of eggs and veggies contributes to the local economy.
Trevor Funk	Sale of fresh vegetables, plant starts and flowers.

How much full and part-time work resulted from the projects?

P/T - 8

F/T - 0

Of these totals employed (both regularly and temporarily):

indigenous peoples

new Canadians

1 woman

young adults (18 to 35 years old)

Average pay scale of individuals employed for project duration, including:

3 individuals who earned < than \$30/hour

5 individuals who earned > than \$30/hour

Summarize expenditures:

Administration/Project Coordination

Description	Hours x rate	Amount (\$)
Project Manager wage (Jan - Dec 2023)	67.75 hrs x \$25/hr	\$1,693.75

Project Labour

Grantee	Description	Hours x rate	Farmer Contribution (\$)	Grant Contribution (\$)
Michael Silver	Construction	153 hrs x \$19/hr	\$2907	\$0
Manon Van Tuyl	Hauling panels, installation		\$1500	\$0
Clint Syfchuck	Concrete, carpenter, excavation, general	30 hrs x \$30/hr 20 hrs x \$30/hr	\$900 \$600	\$0

	labour	6 hrs x \$95/hr 40 hrs x \$30/hr	\$570 \$1200	
Noemi Kiss	Set up of irrigation and landscape cloth	24 hrs x \$29/hour	\$696	\$0
Rin Youngman	Gates, pen construction, fencing, clearing, excavation	41 hrs x \$25/hr 14 hrs x \$100/hr	\$0 \$0	\$1025 \$1400
Rob Lang	Construction	90 hrs x \$29/hr	\$2610	\$0
Trevor Funk	Pole panel installation, excavation	14.75 hrs x \$72/hr 11.75 hrs x \$42/hr 4 hrs x \$75/hr	\$1062 \$493.50 \$300	\$0

Project Supplies:

Grantee	Description (summary per project)	Farmer Contribution (\$)	Grant Contribution (\$)
Michael Silver	Plywood, lumber, insulation, woodscrews, sandpaper, roofing, misc. building supplies	\$4022.03	\$2500
Manon Van Tuyl	9 custom made steel livestock panels	\$618.50	\$2500
Clint Syfchuck	Roofing, plywood, sealant, screws, paint, foam insulation, misc. building supplies	\$5106.89	\$5000
Noemi Kiss	Drip and sprinkler irrigation system, landscape cloth	\$2567.47	\$5000
Rin Youngman	Fencing, frost-free hydrants, waterline	\$1549.61	\$75
Rob Lang	Fencing, fencing staples, steel t-posts, lumber, misc. building supplies, pullets	\$2479.39	\$5000
Trevor Funk	27 meters of 250 MCM ACWU cable, materials for 200 Amp pole service, 35 foot class 5 pole	\$944.36	\$2500

Pursuant to the objectives of the Wood First Act, how much wood was used in a new building or expansion project expressed as a dollar value and as a percentage of total material Costs

Project:	Value of wood used (\$)	% of material cost that is wood
Insulated Veggie Storage Room	\$1137.50	28%
Greenhouses and Safe Chicken Yard	\$1200	16%