



Agenda

Regular Meeting of Council

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Council Chambers - City Hall
413 Fourth Street, Kaslo

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1. CALL TO ORDER

We respect and recognize the First Nations within whose unceded lands the Village of Kaslo is situated, including the Ktunaxa, Sinixt, and Sylix People, and the Indigenous and Metis Residents of our community.

The meeting is called to order at _____ p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Addition of late items
Mayor's Report

2.2 Adoption of the agenda

Recommendation:

THAT the agenda for the June 10, 2025 Council Meeting be adopted as amended with the addition of the late items.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

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[2025.05.27 Minutes - DRAFT](#) 

Recommendation:



















THAT the minutes of the May 27, 2025 Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Council Reports
Councillor Reports

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	2025.06.02 Douglas RE Disposition of Land subject to the RV Park Proposal 	
5.5	Public Notices	46
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6. QUESTION PERIOD

An opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make comments regarding items on the agenda.

7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Recommendation:

THAT Council now resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole.

The Council meeting recessed at _____ p.m.

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| 7.1 | Dan Séguin, Manager of Community Sustainability, RDCK
Emergency Management - RDCK and Village of Kaslo | 47 - 60 |
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[Emergency Mgt Program - Kaslo](#) 

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| 7.2 | Projects Update
Ian Dunlop, Manager of Strategic Initiatives | 61 - 92 |
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[2025.06.10 - Projects Update](#) 

Recommendation:

THAT the Committee of the Whole now rise and report.

The Council meeting reconvened at _____ p.m.

8. BUSINESS

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| 8.1 | Kaslo Baseball & Softball Association – 2025 Fees
To consider amending the fees charged to the Kaslo Baseball & Softball Association (KBSA) for use of the baseball field in 2025. | 93 - 102 |
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[Staff Report - KBSA 2025 Fees \(with attachments\)](#) 

Recommendation:

THAT the Village's agreement with Kaslo Baseball & Softball Association be amended to increase fees by 3% for the 2025 season.

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| 8.2 | 2025 Council Meeting Schedule - Revised
To revise the schedule of Council meetings for 2025. | 103 - 105 |
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[Staff Report - 2025 Council Meeting Schedule - Revised June 10](#) 

[2025 VoK Council Meeting Schedule - DRAFT 2025.06.10](#) 

Recommendation:

THAT the 2025 Council meeting schedule be revised as detailed in the staff report titled 2025 Council Meeting Schedule - Revised, dated June 10, 2025.

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| 8.3 | Temporary Street Closure Request – TransRockies Inc.
To consider a request from TransRockies Inc, organizers of the | 106 - 109 |
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Singletrack 6 race, for temporary closure of nine (9) parking spaces on Water Street.

[Staff Report - Temporary Street Closure Request - TransRockies Inc](#)



Recommendation:

THAT nine (9) parking spaces on Water Street, across from Front Street Park, be closed to the public from 8:00 a.m. July 9, 2025 until 10:00 p.m. July 10, 2025, to accommodate a medical team for the Singletrack 6 mountain bike race.

9. LATE ITEMS

110 - 116

Mayor's Report

[June 10, 2025 Mayors Report](#) 

[Trust Board Highlights May2025](#) 

10. IN CAMERA NOTICE

Recommendation:

THAT in accordance with Section 90(1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following;

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

(l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report];

THAT persons other than Council members and municipal officers be excluded from the meeting.

The open meeting recessed at _____ p.m.

11. RAISED FROM IN CAMERA MEETING

The open meeting reconvened at _____ p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at _____ p.m.



Council Meeting - May 27 2025 Minutes

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall 413 Fourth Street, Kaslo

Chair: Mayor Hewat
Councillors: Bird, Brown, Leathwood, Lang
Staff: CAO Baker
Public: 40

1. CALL TO ORDER

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The meeting is called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Addition of late items

Additional Correspondence RE South Beach.pdf

131/25 THAT Council include the late items in the May 27, 2025 meeting agenda.

CARRIED

2.2 Adoption of the agenda

132/25 THAT the agenda for the May 27, 2025 Council Meeting be adopted as amended with the addition of the late correspondence regarding the RV Park proposal.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2025.05.13 Minutes DRAFT

133/25 THAT the minutes of the May 13, 2025 Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Mick Skuce, Fire Chief, Kaslo

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- May 27, 2025 Mayors Report
- 1. Area D-Kaslo Allocation Sheet
- 2. MFA Report to Members on Activities October 1 2024 to May 1 2025

Councillor Reports

- Councillors Report Erika Bird May 5 25
- Councillors Report Matthew Brown AKBLG 2025

Councillor Leathwood reported on the wizard statue that was donated to help raise funding in support of the Library building project.

5.2 Committee Meetings

Liquid Waste Monitoring Committee - May 05 2025 - Minutes - DRAFT

5.3 Staff Reports

CAO Report

CAO Baker provided a verbal update on municipal activities including ongoing and upcoming projects.

5.4 Correspondence

2025.05.12 Smith RE South Beach Development

2025.05.14 Holland RE Incorrect Information supplied to QP Developments by the Village

2025.05.14 KLIC RE Congratulations on the Kemball Renovation Milestone

2025.05.14 Malik RE Bylaw 1298 Public Hearing

2025.05.15 Kaslo Community Services RE Expansion Project
2025 - The House Next Door
2025.05.15 KORTS RE Old Pumphouse Restoration
2025.05.15 Malik RE Public Hearing & OCP inconsistencies
2025.05.16 Malik RE Strata lot development

Councillor Brown raised the 2025.05.15 correspondence from Ms. Malik and the 2025.05.16 correspondence from Ms. Malik for discussion.

5.5 BC Hydro - Columbia River Basin Operations Updates
Columbia Operations Update Summary Spring 2025
2025.05.21 BC Hydro RE Columbia & Duncan Operations
Update Meeting for Elected Officials

6. QUESTION PERIOD

Four members of the public asked questions of Council regarding South Beach RV Park Proposal.

7. BUSINESS

7.1 Camping Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 1318, 2025
For Council to consider amending the campground and
sanitary dump fees listed in the Fees and Charges Bylaw No.
1300, 2023.
Staff Report - Camping Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 1318,
2025.pdf
1318 - Fees & Charges - DRAFT
1300 Fees and Charges 2023

134/25 THAT Camping Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 1318, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED

8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

135/25 THAT Council now resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

Council resolved into Committee of the Whole at 6:54 p.m.

Councillor Leathwood left the meeting at 6:56 p.m. and returned at 6:58 p.m.

Councillor Brown left the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and returned at 7:10 p.m.

8.1 Active Transportation Network Plan

For Council to receive and consider adoption of the Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP).

Staff Report - Active Transportation Network Plan

Kaslo Active Transportation Network Plan

WATT Presentation Slides Kaslo ATNP Council Meeting_2025-05-27

136/25 THAT the Committee recommends the adoption of the Active Transportation Network Plan as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor Bird left the meeting at 7:21 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

8.2 RV Park Proposal

For Council to consider the RV Park proposal.

Staff Report - RV Park Proposal (with attachment)

137/25 THAT the Committee recommend staff prepare the Terms of Reference to facilitate the exchange of land in relation to the proposed RV Park.

WITHDRAWN

138/25 THAT the Committee recommend the Village issue a notice of disposition for the lands related to the RV Park proposal.

Aye Mayor Hewat, Councillor Bird, Councillor Lang,
and Councillor Leathwood

Nay Councillor Brown

CARRIED 4-1

8.3 Draft Annual Municipal Report

For Council to consider the draft Annual Municipal Report including measures and objectives.

2024 Annual Municipal Report – DRAFT

139/25 THAT the Committee of the Whole now rise and report.

CARRIED

Council reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

140/25 THAT the Active Transportation Network Plan be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

141/25 THAT the Village issue a notice of disposition for the lands related to the RV Park proposal.

CARRIED

9. LATE ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

142/25 THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

CARRIED

Corporate Officer

Mayor

Kaslo & District Arena Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 21st, 2025

Attendance: Molly, Craig, Rogan, Nate, Blair, Rick, Jessie, Jo

Call to order

-6:00PM

Adoption of the Agenda

THAT the agenda for 2025.04.21 Board meeting be approved as presented

Carried

Adoption of the minutes

THAT the minutes of the 2025.03.03 KDAA meeting be approved as presented

Carried

New Business

Reviewed electrical quote

Logger Sports beer garden, schedule and serving needs.

Arena 50th anniversary banner proposed and approved

Raquet Club washroom use through summer. Denied do to rising energy cost and housekeeping

Scholarship grant candidate

Unfinished Business

Cougars Dressing room

Horse matting required

Paint and primer

Mezzanine Rental

No new business aside from Chamber meetings and table and chair rentals

House Keeping

Fire doors to be brought up to code.

Summer maintenance program

Equipment room create a lost and found and maintain clutter

Fire numbers on the building

Treasurers Report

Financials reviewed.

Next Meeting May 8th

Adjourn (6:45PM)

From: Jean-Marc La Flamme <jam@smartvillage.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 4:20 PM
To: Village of Kaslo; Robert Baker (CAO Kaslo); Matthew Brown; Mayor Hewat; Erika Bird; Rob Lang; Molly Leathwood; evan@barefootplanning.com; Kevin Flaherty
Subject: Kaslo South Development - Microhomes + Engagement

Dear Mayor, Councillors, and Village Staff,

As you embark on the South Kaslo Development Plan, we commend your efforts to establish a structured engagement framework. We would like to respectfully propose **the inclusion of microhomes** in your planning process and highlight **the need for enhanced civic engagement strategies online not just a survey.**

I was looking forward to attending last week's session but cannot make May 26 as I am supporting affordable housing solutions abroad. I will send representatives instead.

Why Microhomes Matter

Kaslo, like many rural communities in the Kootenays, is facing a cost-of-living and housing access crisis. Microhomes offer a **climate-resilient, low-cost, and community-based housing alternative** for workers, families, and elders.

These solutions are **already being demonstrated right here in Kaslo** through projects stewarded by **the Kootenay Lake Innovation Centre (KLIC)**—a proudly local institution now **managing both bioregional events and local housing innovation pilots**, including live microhome builds, digital engagement prototypes, and housing matchmaking efforts. Read more <https://kootenaymountainculture.com/microhomes/>

Upgrading Civic Engagement for 2025

The current engagement plan provides a solid backbone. However, to ensure residents can truly co-create the future of South Kaslo, we propose **expanding the digital engagement component** with these enhancements:

- **Collaborating with our bioregional Civic Engagement Hubs** to coordinate landowners, builders, and residents across jurisdictions. Kaslo can Collaborate.
- **Feature local housing innovators and microhome demonstrations online**, not just at in-person events. Kaslovians are part of the 1500+ person Kootenay Tech Club and have solutions.
- **Pilot regenerative zoning overlays**, lease-to-own agreements, and creative financing mechanisms tailored for microhomes. Include food, water, energy and waste to resource recovery. Kaslo has experts in this field.

Invitation: Live Housing Innovation Event

 Saturday, May 24 @ 10AM

 Nelson Farmers Market – Cottonwood Falls Park

 Focus: Real Affordable Homes Under \$100K

We invite you to join us at this **transformational gathering of housing innovators, community leaders, and regional residents.**

RSVP: <https://lu.ma/ge3omt92>

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1140746521398748>

Event Highlights:

- **Live 3D home printing demo** by Procter's Twente Additive Manufacturing
- **On-site construction of a real microhome**
- **Engagement with BC Housing, Habitat for Humanity and regional civic leaders**

This is not a discussion—it's a **real-time demonstration of what is possible** when we remove red tape and build together.

Summary: *Microhomes for a Regenerative Kootenays*

Kootenay Lake Innovation Centre in partnership with other organizations are calling for a regional movement of:

- **Civic engagement hubs** that connect people to land and each other
- **Innovative builders and living labs** that show what's possible
- **Creative financing** including micro-mortgages, mixer mortgages, equity crowdfunding, crypto/tokenized funding, land trusts, and impact capital
- **Co-ownership models** that align stakeholders and anchor affordability

Through coordination, we can **build thousands of safe, beautiful homes**, foster **food, water, and energy resilience**, and **anchor youth and families in our communities.**

A Call to Action

Let's position Kaslo as a leader in regenerative rural development. We urge you to:

- Support microhome pilot zoning and permitting options
- Co-host local housing engagement events co-created with our regional orgs
- Explore integration of our tech platforms into the South Kaslo Development Plan




Thank you for your continued service to our community. We look forward to collaborating further as this vision unfolds.

Warmly,

>j-m

Jean-Marc La Flamme

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“You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.”

—Buckminster Fuller

In regard to my correspondence and your Business item RV Park Proposal:

South Beach land is currently zoned Industrial.

Kaslo's General Industrial zone permits uses that are permitted in the Central Business District zone.

Kaslo's Central Business District zone permits uses that are permitted in the Waterfront Commercial zone.

Kaslo's Waterfront Commercial zone permits a Campground.

For a campground at South Beach, rezoning is not necessary.

The South Beach development proposal is not about a campground.

The developer's rezoning application is all about bare land strata development.

Strata lot ownership or lease is neither mentioned in the OCP nor was the public or public members of the OCP review steering committee engaged on this land use.

Although a campground may be in the best interests of the community, bare land strata development IS NOT.

Does Council fully appreciate the long-term consequences of bare land strata development and will Council hold a Public Hearing prior to 2nd reading of Bylaw 1298?

Just one example:

"Restrictive covenants must be placed on title to confirm that the park is for seasonal use only, not permanent residence or off-season storage of RV units on the sites."

2024.06.06 Planning Report, page 8

Clearly, the developer has other plans. A Draft Bylaw included in the package presented to Council at their October 10, 2022 meeting includes the following statement: "The Strata Corporation (or Club) will set out strict design guidelines, in collaboration with the municipality (through the Development Permit Process) regarding any temporary covers for the RV trailers remaining longer than a typical season term."

To decide now that the RV Park Proposal is in the community's best interest may be misleading as it may infer that Bylaw 1298 stands as read at 1st reading.

May 24, 2025

To The Village of Kaslo Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing this letter to express my concerns about the proposed South Beach Strata RV Development. I have 2 specific questions that I hope you will answer.

I can sympathize with the landowner that their property is unsuitable for development given all their small unconnected lots, the Village owned road allowances, the flood zone restrictions and the dual DPA restrictions. But just because a landowner *wishes* they could do something different with their lands that doesn't mean they are *entitled* to do it or that they should get any *special treatment*.

The developer's properties are not zoned for a 70 site Strata RV Park. No property in the Village of Kaslo is. The developer wants to create a new zoning that doesn't currently exist. That seems like special treatment and a big ask.

When you review the Official Community Plan (OCP) you will find nothing that points to something like a Strata RV Park being a beneficial part of our community's growth and future. A Strata RV park will not help with seasonal tourists needing more places to stay. A Strata RV park will not create jobs, provide workforce housing or contribute to economic growth. A Strata RV park will give 70 people a place to store their RVs and other toys and potentially make the developer a lot of money.

The proposed development would need flood protection. Nobody wants 70 RVs with all their propane tanks and wastewater washed into Kootenay Lake. Flood protection would most likely look like a tall concrete retaining wall running along the south bank of the Kaslo River. I could also see this resulting in the north side of the river needing additional flood protection because the natural alluvial fan on the south bank would now be protected by a concrete barrier.

The Village decided when they adopted the OCP that the lands within the Lakefront and Stream Protection DPA need careful consideration before any changes are made. Rezoning, removing road allowances and selling lands are significant changes. The developer should follow the rules that

the Village has adopted and submit a Development Permit before any rezoning is considered.

Why is this developer telling Village Staff how their application should be processed?

“Zoning is the first step. Council must approve the proposed uses.”
(Quote QP Development presentation at 10.24.2022 Council meeting / rezoning application)

Per the OCP: *“Within the Stream or Lakefront DPA no change of land use, subdivision or site alteration is allowed without a Development Permit”.*

Rezoning from Industrial to a newly created zoning specifically for this developer’s planned use would be a change of land use.

The OCP and the Development Permit outline how all applications should proceed. Every landowner needs to play by the same rules. A commercial development should not get any special treatment. Why does this developer get to tell Village Staff how to process their application?

The rules are there for a reason. When a landowner applies through the proper process they have to submit detailed information, accurate maps and comprehensive reports. Provincial and/or federal authorities need to give their approval before the Village can issue a permit (16.4.3 Guidelines). We have an Official Community Plan that specifies this process and everyone needs to follow the same rules. This process gives Village Council and community members valuable information to inform their decisions and truly understand the scope any proposed project.

No economic impact report has been produced.

Why would the Village consider any sale of Village property without knowing the estimated costs and benefits of the transaction?

The developer wants the Village to dissolve road allowances and sell them additional Village property. This sounds like a great deal for the landowner. It would instantly make their property more valuable and reduce their property taxes until the proposed Strata RV park was actually built.

The proposed stream and lakefront parkland allowances are already protected and unable to be developed. The idea that the developer would be “giving” these lands to the Village and the community is not fully accurate. My understanding is that most of the land proposed to be Parkland and open to the public is not theirs to give, it is already open to the public. It also appears that there is already legal access to the stream front and lakefront areas by using Village land and Village road allowances. If the developer wanted to close off the portion of his property that is currently commonly used to access South Beach there is an easy path folks could follow and not be trespassing.

The developer stated in a meeting that their lawyers have assured them that they can develop a RV park within the Lakefront Protection DPA. The Village needs to have their own unbiased legal representation to review all proposals, provide guidance and disclose their findings to community members.

The developer and Village have stated that the developer’s public information session in November 2023 checked the box on public engagement and that an open house is not needed. That initial meeting, over 2 years ago, was not well attended. Since then, the community has learned more about what the developer is proposing and there have been a very large number of people writing letters and attending council meetings. This proposed project would have huge ramifications for our little community and I would urge the Mayor and Council members to engage with the community as much as possible. I would also urge you to be mindful of all the special treatment this landowner is asking for. Everyone should play by the same rules.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing your responses.

Sincerely,

Clea Arthur



Kaslo, BC V0G1M0

Below are the sections of the OCP that I have quoted
(red text is my emphasis)

2.0 Official Community Plan Process

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is a high-level visionary document to guide the nature and location of land use, development, and services based on identified community values and priorities. All local governments require an OCP under British Columbia's Local Government Act (LGA). Municipalities use OCP's to outline the future vision of the community over a 10 to 20-year timeframe.

An OCP provides the framework to allow for effective land use management and decision making based on its long-term objectives. **All future bylaws enacted by the Village must be consistent with the OCP. The OCP is, itself, a bylaw of the municipality, which is a regulatory document that cannot be ignored.**

16.1 Application and Intent

This OCP includes four Development Permit Areas (DPAs) that further prescribe the qualities of the public realm, safety, amenities, and an effectively functioning local ecosystem desired in specific parts of the village. The DPAs are outlined in the Development Permit Area Plan Map (Map C). The guidelines describing specific conditions for development within each area are provided in Sections 16.3 to 16.6.

Section 488 of the Local Government Act, 2015 (LGA) authorizes the establishment of Development Permit Areas (DPAs) in which **the Village must issue a development permit prior to the subdivision of land, the construction or alterations of a structure, or the alteration of land.** Land use zoning regulations do not always provide the right balance between flexibility and control in certain circumstances where OCP objectives need to be more carefully considered.

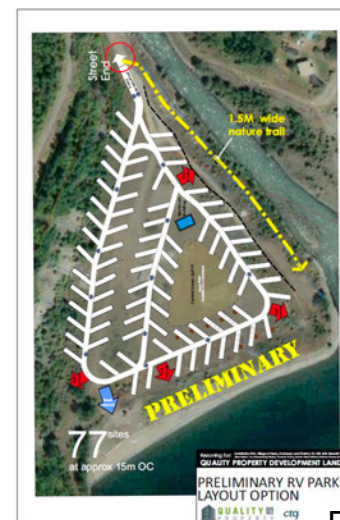
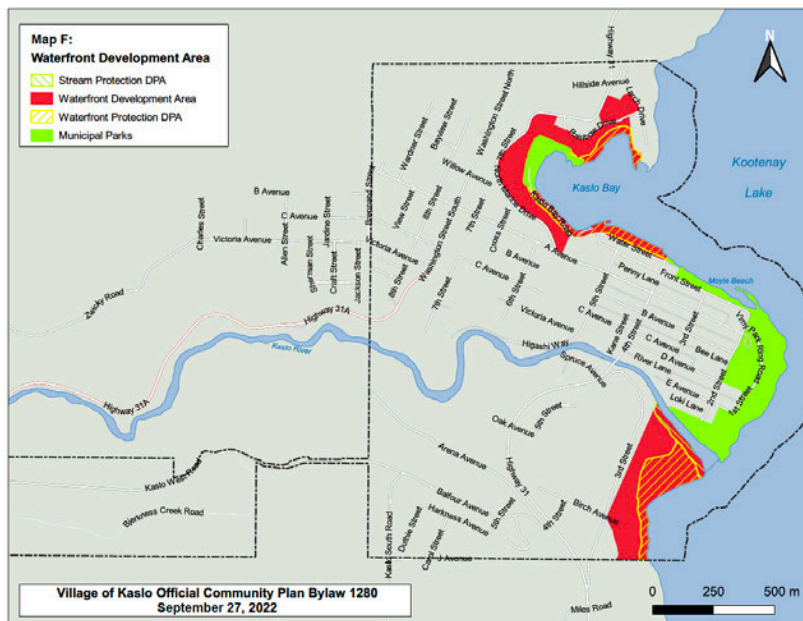
16.4.2 Regulated Development

Within the Lakefront Protection DPA, no change of land use, subdivision, or site alteration is allowed without a Development Permit.

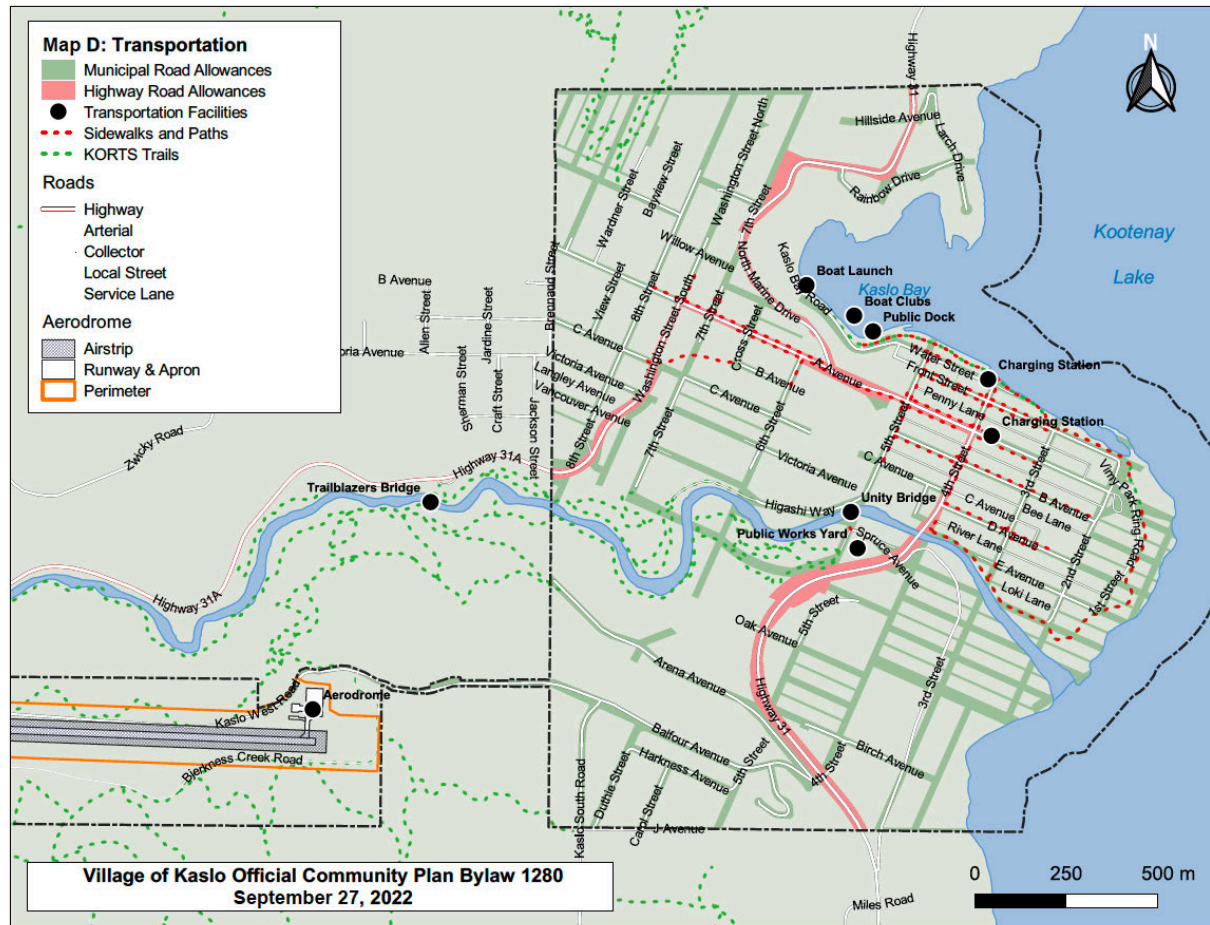
16.4.3 Guidelines

Development in the DPA, from Moyie Beach, east and south to beyond the mouth of Kaslo River except for the Logger Sports ground, shall be limited to passive recreational amenities, such as walking and multi use trails, natural parks areas, non-motorized pleasure craft launches, and park benches.

These maps show that the area that the developer wants to build 70 +/- RV sites is clearly in a Lakefront Development area (red) and that most of the area also has the additional layer of being located in a Lakefront Protection DPA (yellow crossed area).



Below is a map that shows all the public rights of way (road allowances) that the developer wants the Village to dissolve so that they can consolidate their lands for development. The Village currently has legal access to quite a bit of land when you look at the road allowances and the lots that the Village already owns.



From: Russell Precious [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 26, 2025 7:27 PM
To: Village of Kaslo; Mayor Hewat; Molly Leathwood; Rob Lang; Matthew Brown; Erika Bird
Subject: Breaking the Deadlock: 'The Risk Benefit Analysis'

Wishing you all well.....family feuding aside!

I remembered yesterday in pondering the South Beach deadlock that in other similar circumstances I have been part of, what was seen as a critical tool for navigating polarizing perspectives was to engage a **'Risk/Benefit Analysis'**.

It seemed that this might be applied with good effect, here and now in Kaslo!

'Risk/Benefit Analyses' are used across a wide spectrum of human endeavours as a way to move beyond the subjective realm where human whims and personal preferences take precedent and seek to identify an objective mapping of the issues.

This can be done in a number of ways. In some circumstances there are professionals who do this. This is certainly the case in addressing a proposed new medicine or considering a new nuclear facility.

BUT it can be done quite simple by engaging a small group of local citizens, much like the manner in which the OCP was reviewed. They can invite input from all sources and can adjudicate the relevant information they receive.

This doesn't have to take long!

AND, quite frankly it could serve to lift the burden borne by councillors and staff, who have been saddled with the task of assessing far too much information on their own.

Please consider this as a viable option! This conflict has been taking too much of a toll on us all and we need a fresh perspective to bring clarity.

Respectfully submitted.

russell precious

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 26, 2025 8:54 PM
To: Village of Kaslo; Mayor Hewat; Erika Bird; Matthew Brown; Rob Lang; Molly Leathwood
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: South Beach development

Dear Mayor and Council members,

As a member of the community, I greatly appreciate being able to hear the majority of the conversation between council and the developer during the May 13th meeting. Thank you for that.

I have a few primary concerns that arose after this meeting and am grateful for your time taking these concerns into consideration:

- The developers plan did not seem to change in any significant ways.
 - o The plan is still, I believe, 100% strata title? Or at least mostly Strata? He simply decreased the lot number by a small amount, but in no way did he take into consideration the communities strong voice for wanting more natural space or increased camping overflow availability. Does this means that the community will have no guarantee of increased camping?
- Bare land Strata- why is this necessary or beneficial to the community in anyway?
 - o Our community has made it abundantly clear: If this is to be beneficial for the community it needs to be a campground with lots of natural green space, not a gated community. Bare land Strata means the community has no guarantee of seasonal use. It will be ENTIRELY at lot owners discretion correct? If you proceed, We need some kind of GUARANTEE to address the need for overflow seasonal camping as part of the condition of sale. Is this even possible? Has the developer discussed this with you? Is there a way that he could commit to a certain number of sites being available for seasonal camping only and not for sale as Strata lots? This needs to include a significant number of tent camping sites as well. If he doesn't make this commitment, then regardless of how he describes his vision, we simply won't have the benefit of increased overflow camping for the community.
 - o Strata owners are likely to come for limited times, bring their own food and supplies and enjoy our town, utilize our community resources but not contribute financially other than through taxes. They then leave. If it's only open 8 months of the year, it won't provide the badly needed housing for year round residents.
 - o It would appear to me that the strata concept is only to meet the financial needs of the developer. It is not in the communities best interest. Therefore I would suggest as a council that you make it abundantly clear that we are only willing to consider his plan if a small percentage of the lots be allowed as strata- 30-40% at most
- The developer indicated a desire to work with the community for everyone's benefit, but his plan does not indicate that.
 - o We were told by Dale that he has "no personal benefit here". This is a dream he that he is trying to manifest "for youth and families and Kaslo". We were also told that "his plan cannot be a financially viable commercial venture unless there are close to 72 camp spaces". It still sounds very clear that he has a financial bottom line. They continued to say they are trying to make things fair and equitable for the community and take the villages needs into account, but they have shown very little response to the communities concerns. They have not increased green spaces and they have not significantly changed their lot plan. I think it is entirely possible to revision his plan to decrease the cost of infrastructure so that his bottom line could be met. Another municipal campground (or similar private campground) is really what Kaslo needs, not a strata owned gated community where use is totally up to the owners

discretion. If he isn't willing or able to reconsider this part of the plan, then it is clear to me that he doesn't truly have the communities best interest at heart, but rather his own pocket book (despite his best efforts to dispel this).

- During the meeting the developer said "I want to support the community" but he was not clear at all how he would do this. His allotment of natural spaces is clearly quite small. His financial bottom line requires that he have most of the land occupied by saleable lots. I see no guarantee that the community could use the site for camping during events like jazz fest, or simply as overflow camping during high tourist seasons. If the communities best interests are really his primary concern, why would he not consider selling the land to the village and allowing the village to put this space into a municipal campground and natural public spaces. That would clearly best meet the needs of the community.
- I simply ask you to reflect as council, in what ways other than through kind hearted words, is he specifically showing you that he is working with and for our community? Actions speak louder than words.

- We need a financial assessment

- Finances are at a critical place in our community at this time. Without a proper assessment, it is very difficult to ascertain whether this is a financial win or loss for our community. We should not consider transferring land until this simple fact is better understood. We can't afford to take risks that benefit private landowners at the communities expense.
- He says he "worries about Kaslo's future and our youth". This would be meaningful if someone had done a good fiscal analysis and decided that "yes, a gated RV park would be of financial and social benefit in the long run to our community". But this hasn't yet been done. On the contrary, we do have direct information from the BC Rural non-profit organization (who exists solely for the purpose of helping small communities with questions such as these) suggesting that this type of development is not in the financial or social best interest of small communities like ours. Shouldn't we be utilizing the support of organizations such as BC Rural to help assess this situation?

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- Order of Events:

- In terms of the order of events that was posted in the meeting, the negotiation of purchase and sale was 2nd on the list. I don't understand how you could possibly decide first whether to sell the land to the developer, if you don't have clear commitments from the land owner on a plan that will include the communities needs. Once you sell the land, it is over and done with. There is no going back. I understand there are still many check points, but you as council will have much less power or say in the matter. He said that it is not beneficial for him to discuss the development plan and permit unless he has a land use agreement. Likewise, it is not beneficial for YOU as Council to provide him with a Land use agreement if we don't understand or agree with his development plan for that land. It is CRITICAL to understand specifically how he plans to make use of that land before YOU as council can make an informed decision about whether it is in the communities best interest to sell him that land. I understand that is inconvenient for him, but he purchased that particular piece of land knowing that these barriers would be part of the experience.

Molly, you spoke at the meeting about wanting to find a middle ground between the community and the developer. I appreciate that sentiment and I can tell that you are each in your own way doing your best to navigate this difficult decision. So far however, I haven't seen much (if any?) movement towards the public concerns. This is a rare, undeveloped piece of land that could be a true legacy for the future. Let's take the time we need as a community to do this right and make it work to meet the communities needs. A public meeting or a referendum (which I believe South Beach working group has agreed to pay for) seems to be the only way forward. Please consider this. If you move forward with the land transfer without addressing the publics concerns, I fear you will loose tremendous community trust and there will be fracturing in our small community that impacts issues much larger than this one.

I recognize how much time and effort most of you put into your work as Mayor and Council members and would like to end by simply saying thank you. The concerns I have voiced above in no way dimmish the fact that I am very grateful for what you each give and bring to our community. Thank you.

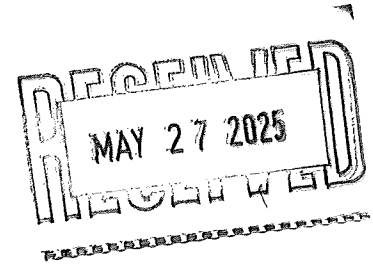
Yours sincerely,
Jessie Speirs

From: Kim Walker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 26, 2025 9:00 PM
To: Village of Kaslo
Subject: South Beach

Dear Kaslo Council, Having lived in New Denver where they have the wonderful Kohan Garden, when I moved here in 2004 I was surprised that Kaslo didn't have a public garden. What a fantastic opportunity to create something at South Beach that would be a permanent green space and a huge draw for visitors. It could be a beautiful venue for events, weddings, etc. Please consider keeping the area as natural as possible and not give in to pressure to endlessly "develop". A park/garden would be much more sustainable and be a real feature for Kaslo. I for one would be happy to volunteer to help work on a "green" plan.

Sincerely, Kim Walker

5/23/2025



Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: South Beach from May 13 council meeting

I attended by zoom the council meeting of May 13 to hear the presentation by the developer and Mr. Unruh.

With all due respect, Councilman Lang's remark that in essence said the protest to the South Beach project was small but noisy...and reasons given to him by the noisy ones were that they 'simply did not like it', was divisive and offensive. These "noisy" opinions are not simply whimsical counter arguments but have been researched and legal points consulted. I suggest that the letters presented to council, available to be read online, were from a very invested and significant portion of Kaslo's population. They should be read and taken into account.

In the past, the South Beach Working Group had been allotted a very short time, strictly monitored by the Mayor, to make counter presentations to Council. In contrast, QP has appeared at a number of council meetings, where their lobbying time has been unlimited! This does not seem fair representation, nor is it in the Village best interest.

From this May 13th meeting, Council seemed to be biased towards the development in spite of the stress put on infrastructure, waterfront, OCP disregard, pollution, septic overload, traffic congestion, campfire smoke and noise. The mention of potential tax gained on 70+ slabs of concrete seemed to bring excitement to Council, however no-one knows what the tax rate on slabs could be, or if it's worth it?

The argument that the recent loss of 2 businesses in our village should be replaced at all cost by a gated RV park good for 8 months of the year is not logical. *Why such a rush to cater to a RV development that looks like all the other overcrowded RV parks across BC with no research into the detriments to our town?*

In general, there were not enough questions from council asked of Mr. Unruh that reflected what villagers have asked through the letters to council. I appreciate councilor Brown who did ask valuable questions.

A few other questions that this whole process has brought up for me:

- To CAO Baker: Does your wife have a vested interest with the developer? This is a street rumor I would like put to rest, please.
- Because the partial owner, Mr. Unruh, gave \$60,000 to the Village to shore up the river side bank (to his advantage) are you beholden to his requests?
- The mayor asked if the property could be used for May Day camping this year and maybe in the future does that mean you owe him a sale if he says yes?
- Because the partial owner is not willing to trade property, does that mean the Village *must* agree to sell? Why?
- Mr. Unruh suggested that he is not pursuing this project for his own benefit, then WHY stress our community resources?

Your constituents are questioning many aspects of this whole proposal, from the rezoning, land sale/exchange, disregard of the OCP, impact on the community---the list is long.

Don't be short sighted, manipulated by quick dollars! Take more time to weigh the consequences and please, Don't be afraid of more public input!

A concerned citizen,



Becky Ashenhurst



Kaslo, BC V0G 1M0

CC South Beach Working Group .

To: Mayor, Councillors and CAO of the Village of Kaslo

From: Mandy Bath, resident of Kaslo

Date: 27th May 2025

Re: Is the South Beach RV Park proposal in the best interests of the community?

No, the RV Park proposal is NOT in the best interests of Kaslo.

QP's "revised" proposal is almost indistinguishable from its first proposal: still more than 70 strata-based RV pads filling the Lakeshore Protection Development Permit Area, leaving a ribbon of walkway for the public around the edge. We oppose it for the same reasons we opposed their first proposal. Nothing has changed there.

QP has no interest in the views of Kaslo's residents but you, our elected representatives, do have both duty and obligation to respond to your constituents. Rather than restate the community's many concerns, I urge you to re-read the 200+ letters submitted to you since December 2024, the vast majority of them opposing this development plan.

In essence, Kaslo's community wishes you to respect the **spirit** of our Official Community Plan. And by "spirit" I mean the document that was reviewed and finalized by the steering committee, **before it was amended** by the late inclusion of a new section (11.2.10) that conflicts with an approved earlier section (16.4.3.4), throwing the whole document into confusion as to what is and what is not permitted. Adding a new section to the OCP without public notice or consultation seems underhand, if not outright illegal. It was inserted specifically to accommodate the interests of this developer and to facilitate his RV Park proposal. On whose authority was this done?

CAO Baker incorrectly asserts in his Staff Report of May 20th 2025 that "The RV Park proposal is aligned with the Village's Official Community Plan." It is, on the contrary, aligned only with the belatedly modified OCP. Please see Anne Malik's correspondence dated 14 and 15 May 2025.

Dale Unrah's most recent letter to Council (attached to the May 13th Agenda) makes it clear that his development proposal has received red-carpet treatment and deference. As he says himself, *"we have worked side by side with the CAO and Council, as true partners with a shared vision..."* Unfortunately, his vision is not shared by the public at large.

CAO Baker, in his Staff Report of May 20th, asks Council to identify any specific conditions it would like to impose on the RV Park. Looking back on Council discussions at its February 11th meeting, a number of conditions were suggested:

- No strata lots
- Seasonal camping only

- Maximum of 20 non-strata RV pads, with the remainder as no trace camping sites
- No permanent structures, including decks, gazebos, pavement
- No development within the Lakefront Protection Development Permit Area (LPDPA)
- No boat launch or vehicular access to the lakeshore
- Land swap only, not sale by Village: with the aim of consolidating Village Land to provide access to the lakeshore and protecting as much as possible of the LPDPA

At the end of the February 11th meeting, Mayor Hewat and Councillor Bird both instructed CAO Baker to bring back to the table Draft Bylaw 1298 (C4 Zoning) for discussion, because a second reading will trigger a Public Hearing. Three months have elapsed: will this happen anytime soon? It may be the only opportunity for public discussion of the South Beach question.

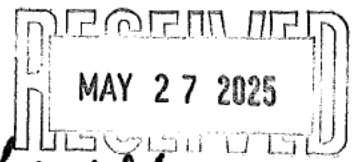
Sincerely,

Mandy Bath



Kaslo, BC
VOG 1M0

to: Mayor Hewat



To the Village of Kaslo Mayor,
Councillors and CAO:

I am writing to express my deep disappointment of the Villages' handling of the South Beach situation.

South Beach should retain its peaceful, beautiful, Park like status! It would be a DISTASTER for 75-90 (or any!) R.V. sites. And I believe that Kaslo does not have the capacity to accomodate the the influx of people, traffic and vehicle parking on the streets.

I fully endorse Karen Pidcocks' and many others that have given statements of opposition to South Beach development.

Please give consideration to giving Kaslo residents a say in the future of Kaslo!... A Referendum!

Sincerely,
Ronda Gorkes



Kaslo

P.S. I would like a Response

From: Ruth Anne Thomson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 12:15 PM
To: Village of Kaslo
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: South Beach Development

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

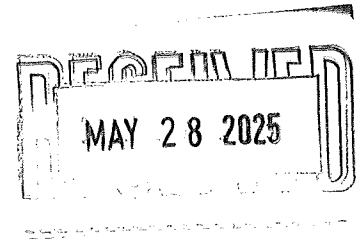
I am writing to express my thoughts on the proposed South Beach Development project.

I **do not support** this project at all, and agree with the opinions expressed Don Scarlett's recent editorial: We need an public meeting on this crucial issue, and an **open meeting**, where questions and opinions can be expressed. I too would like transparency around the issue of the modified 2022 OCP plan, and the \$60,000 donation. As Mr. Scarlett points out, this "fails to pass the smell test."

in the recent Valley Voice edition, it was reported that Councillor Lang expressed concern that the opinion of a "a very vocal group" has dominated this discussion, and "that not all segments of the community have been able to express how they feel about the development." I would think that over 200 letters indicated a significant interest from the Kaslo citizens, and that all Councillors would welcome a meeting to find out what we all think.

Yours truly,

Ruth Thomson



Dear, Mayor and Council

Re South Beach Camp Site Proposal.

This letter is to clarify issues I see with basic permitting of any infrastructure on the South Beach from similar issues I have encountered with the Village. All subjects mentioned are related in some way to the South Beach proposed development.

As a volunteer with KHLS, I was instructed that we could not place any building on the strip of land within the leased area on the north side of the Moyie. The buildings in question were to allow for the removal of the inappropriate workshop from the ship. This workshop area on the ship was not only out of character for the period, but also was a potential fire hazard from the required hot-work repairs, fumes from painting/varnishing, and other flammable substances to which public could come in contact with if not heeding the barriers separating the workshop from the remaining freight deck.

Village instructions received did not allow for the placement of two non-permanent sheds supported on pyramid blocks, as advised per Sections 6-7 of Bylaw and BC Regs., the sheds could not be placed below an elevation of 563.5m geodetic and a with a 15m setback. With the consequence now these necessary buildings block a direct view of the ship's bow disappointing tourist to take a full-on view ship pictures. Can I presume the South Beach campsite proposal has the same restrictions and also the same adherence to electrical outlets that must be above 563.5m geodetic and 15m setback?

Support emergency services, Ambulance, Fire, Search and Rescue, RCMP, Medical Emergency Clinic, that are subsidized by the Village taxpayers (community people not tourists), during tourists' season these services are stretched to the limits. It already takes 2-3 weeks for a medical appointment how long would be the wait with heavy influx of tourists? Sirens are heard 2, 3, 4 times a week, if not twice in a single day, responding to road accidents or other activities from tourists in trouble, and hopefully to Kaslo residents in a timely manner. With the addition of the ~70 or so campsites each averaging a family of 4 plus friends, say 300 people per day over the summer, what increase of potential emergency service infrastructure funding is proposed by QPD and CTQC? i.e. a Developer has to include fire hydrant service at their cost to a housing development, then in turn, why then should the Developer not ask for required emergency services planning with the Village prior to permitting?

Taxing camping sites is analogous to taxing the boat slips. My 16ft x 30ft (considered land at lake bottom by the Village) boat dock was taxed in 2022 for \$6.29, so even with ~70 campsites gravel or concrete slabs would there be sufficient tax revenue collected to administer even the administration costs? Certainly not enough revenue to boost additional support for emergency infrastructure services.

Is there an egress required from the site, or for emergency vehicles to enter, should there be a significant incident or bank erosion (as I have seen in the freshet a foot or so at a time wash away including trees coming down), at or near the entrance? Who pays to rebuild an eroded bank and access in a timely manner, considered an emergency, as is it the access to a summer camping commune, yes, the Village as its their property and our taxes.

Straightening up the 2nd street by the campground past the Manor would allow for many more campsites for the Village to benefit from and not losing campers to a highflying camping commune. The existing condition of the road, already deteriorating and needs a paving overlay, would only take a few passes with a grader to cut through and enhance the safety of children running across and people

gathering for events as the road has no "Slow Vision Limited" signs from a steep blind S curve. Also, benefit is added for safety of approaching vehicles in either direction they are often over their portion of the road from the limited vision situation.

Sometime ago a sewer treatment plant was proposed along the southside of the river having an up to date filtration and aeration system. What happens should in the future this come to fruition? The existing sewer plant, has forever disgusting smells and is a major eyesore, distraction from the scenic area, and failures on occasion dump sewerage directly into the lake as there is no retention. There should be any no further increase sewerage capacity in this area. If there are plans to build a second adjacent similar plant having inefficient, unreliable old school, out of date, rotating aeration drum system would be, to me, foolhardy.

Lastly, a few years ago, prior to COVID, I need to pull pictures to get an actual date, tandem truck loads from South Beach, for a week or so, hauled debris past my home with large broken concrete foundations chunks expanding and filling an empty lot(s) at Loki Ln. off 2nd Street. That was then covered over with fill that may or may not have been contaminated. Then later a "For-sale" sign was placed (I hope there is a disclosure with Land Tiles for the buried debris) on that lot(s). A septic field cannot be correctly installed over this debris). Did the involved companies or landowner(s) obtain a permit to dump such debris within the Village? And, was there an environmental assessment done on the debris to be dumped and approved by the village for this debris dumping? **For disclosure would the Village provide me transparency, by providing a copy of the permit to dump this debris in the Village at Loki Ln. off 2nd St., and the approved environmental assessment of debris relocated from an old mill site.** If these are the same companies or South Beach landowner(s) and a permit was not issued to dump nor an environmental permit obtained, who to say they can be trusted to abide by future constraints imposed by the Village. Does the Village have a patrolling Bylaw Officer to ensure adherence? Or, if an infraction has occurred it's "I am sorry it will not happen again". (Also to note: the old small concrete foundation wall from my house had to be disposed of at the dump at my cost certainty not within the Village). Are some local people privileged to do whatever? It seems so!

Listening online, it is time for the Village to step back from to the overbearing pressure of a Developer promising the earth without substance, and review in details the effects of a large camping commune development in our Village. Our commercial services or otherwise seem to be already not adequate. i.e. During high season the "well run" grocery store is already at capacity and has apparent staffing issues; do we need a Safeway type store to move into the Village that can offer additional shelf capacity? I think not! There are many restaurants that cannot find staff to stay open for two shifts. And, as a small quaint village, that makes Kaslo, many stores are closed on Mondays - lack of staff or just a quaint village?

There is a lot of history to digest here so please be patient responding to my ramblings.

Sincerely



Kit Ashenhurst, P L Engineer (Retired)

 Kaslo

Note: This letter is not associated with the KLHS as I am a Board Member, but my personal and professional concerns for Kaslo citizens.

From: J Parkinson (via Google Docs) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 10:06 AM
To: Village of Kaslo
Subject: The Lemonade Collective
Attachments: The Lemonade Collective.pdf

J Parkinson attached a document

J Parkinson [REDACTED] has attached the following document: [Learn more](#)

Hello and good day,

I am sending this email to you and your team as a concept for a portion of the South Kaslo Development that you held the open house with! I have a friend who lives in Norway and this idea is based on where she lives.

Thank you for your time, energy and wisdom!

Best,

Jenny



The Lemonade Collective

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The Lemonade Collective Housing Initiative

04/ 28/2025

TO: All possible funders
British Columbia,
Canada

Kaslo Town Council
413 Fourth Street
Kaslo, BC
VOG 1M0

May 2025

Overview

The “Lemonade Housing Coop” is an essential, affordable and supported solution for many underserved populations to access affordable housing that is not profit motivated and is in line with multiple successful coop housing organizations found in Scandinavia. The entire concept is to create opportunities & possibilities for occupants to provide resources, encouragement and support to each other and help identify areas that require more or less. There is no need for a long list of rules as the occupants can “police” each other and resolve conflicts that arise at monthly occupants meetings. If there is not a satisfactory resolution then a mediator (on call) can be brought in.

Goals

1. To create and manage multiple units of appropriate, resourced financially feasible housing to serve underserved populations such as persons with special needs, marginalized individuals, families & seniors as well as senior couples where one person is wheelchair bound. (Unfortunately there is not the capacity to house older individuals with dementia or Alzheimer's diagnosis).
2. The concept is to offer appropriate housing where & when needed while at the same time create opportunities and possibilities for occupants to support & encourage each other daily within the home and have everyone close together for support staff from various agencies to provide specific care. The participants can

cook/eat, garden, and exercise together although the occupant will have their own one bedroom accommodation if they choose solitude or have family visiting .

Specifications

Each unit will have a common area for relaxing, reading or visiting, a games area and a communal kitchen with dining area for shared meals. Each occupant will have their own private living area similar to a seniors residence but a much more sense of community and shared responsibility will be encouraged but solitary space is each occupant's private accommodation. This conceptual design is based on successful Scandinavian communal designs!

Lorem Ipsum: PENDING Architects drawings * Please see description below of successful coop housing initiatives in different countries in Scandinavia

See an architect's perspective at:

<https://www.maparchitects.com/news/nordic-countries-affordable-housing>

A Scandinavian model for 6-person supportive housing focuses on individual autonomy and community integration, with a strong emphasis on Housing First principles. This approach prioritizes providing stable, affordable housing first, followed by tailored support services to meet individual needs. The design emphasizes shared living spaces that foster a sense of community

Here's a more detailed outline:

1. Housing First Principles:

- **Prioritize Housing:** Ensure access to safe, stable, and affordable housing is the primary focus.
- **Individualized Support:** Tailor support services to each resident's unique needs and goals.
- **Focus on Community:** Design the housing and support services to promote community engagement and connection.

2. Shared Living Spaces:

- **Open Kitchen and Social Areas:** Encourage social interaction and shared meals.

- **Private Living Spaces:** Provide residents with their own personal space for rest, relaxation, and privacy.

3. Support Services: As needed and provided by existing community services⁴.

Community Integration:

- **Accessibility:**
Ensure the housing and support services are accessible to all residents, regardless of background or abilities.
- **Collaboration:**
Partner with local organizations and community groups to provide resources and opportunities.
- **Resident Involvement:** Encourage residents to participate in decision-making and community activities.

5. Key Features:

- **Dignity and Respect:** Maintain an atmosphere of dignity, compassion, and respect for all residents.
- **Safety and Security:** Prioritize safety and create a secure environment for all residents
- **Resident-Focused:** Ensure the housing and support services are tailored to the specific needs and goals of the residents.” (As accessed at <https://www.google.com/search?q=scandinavian+outline+of+6+person+supportive+housing&og=scandinavian+outline+of+6+person+supportive+housing+&aqs=chrome..69i57j33i10i160l3.174735j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8> on April 21, 2025.)

Milestones

1. Funding and appropriate spots are acquired and located. Design and construction is completed.
2. Screening and occupants chosen to create a community of support for healthy living.

This idea can be born in Kaslo and meet housing needs everywhere. Investors will be paid back what they invest and their tax write off, sense of community development & advancement as well as advertising on their website is their profit. A business prof once said that word of mouth is the BEST form of advertising.

Possible Funders:

L' Arsh Canada Non-Profit

Community Living BC

Canadian Alliance of United Seniors

Healthy Aging Core

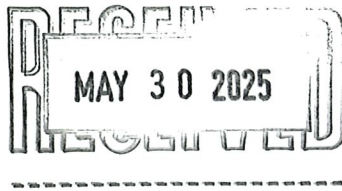
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Seniors First BC

All Federal Programs: for Seniors, Persons with Special Needs, Disability Services, Poverty Reduction Services

All Provincial Programs: for Seniors, Persons with Special Needs, Disability Services, Poverty Reduction Services

(And many more who can post their support and funding amount on their website)



May 22, 2025

RDCK: Area D/Village of Kaslo
Attn.: Mayor Suzan Hewat
PO Box 576
Kaslo, BC V0G 1M0

Dear Mayor Hewat and Council,

It is with much gratitude that we write this letter to thank the Area D/Village of Kaslo for your generous donation of \$65 to the KBRH Health Foundation's Mental Health Matters Campaign. This contribution, allocated through the Columbia Basin Trust – Resident Directed Grants (ReDi) Program, is deeply appreciated.

Your continued prioritization of mental health in our region directly impacts the well-being of countless individuals and families. With your support, we are enhancing access to critical mental health services and resources at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, helping to create a healthier, stronger community.

Your donation supports critical upgrades to three key areas: **The Daly Pavilion**, an acute care psychiatric unit, where improved security, enhanced care spaces, and updated furniture will create a safer, more dignified environment; **Harbour House**, a residential rehabilitation facility, where renovations will enhance security, living spaces, and therapeutic resources to aid recovery and reintegration; and **the Pediatric Outdoor Space**, which will provide a secure, private area with recreational equipment and family-friendly spaces to support healing for children and youth under 18.

The \$2 million **Mental Health Matters** Campaign is dedicated to creating safe, supportive spaces for those in need, enhancing mental health services, and building resilience in our community. With your generosity, we can transform these facilities, upgrade equipment, and deliver more accessible, compassionate, and effective care for patients across the region.

On behalf of the KBRH Health Foundation Board of Directors and staff, for being an essential part of this transformative initiative.

Sincerely,

Lisa Pasin
Executive Director
KBRH Health Foundation

From: Andy Shadrack <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 9:54 AM

To: Mayor Hewat <mayor@kaslo.ca>; Erika Bird <bird@kaslo.ca>; Matthew Brown <brown@kaslo.ca>; Rob Lang <lang@kaslo.ca>; Molly Leathwood <leathwood@kaslo.ca>

Subject: South Beach

Kaslo, BC

Unceded Territory Ktunaxa, Sylix & Sinixt

Dear Mayor and Council

I understand that Kaslo Village Council has authorized staff to prepare for the sale of land in what is commonly called "South Beach" to Mr Unrau.

Section 40 (6) of the Environmental Management Act specifically states:

"A vendor of real property must provide, in accordance with the regulations, a site disclosure statement to a prospective purchaser of the real property if the vendor knows or reasonably should know that the real property has been used for a specified industrial or commercial use".

Please provide me with the approved Environmental Management Act site disclosure statements for all parcels of land that the Village of Kaslo is proposing to sell to Mr Unrau.

And if Mr Unrau is proposing to sell land to the Village of Kaslo, please provide me with the site disclosure statements that he has had approved and accepted in accordance with the specific legal requirements of the Environmental Management Act.

Failure to provide these documents may result in my seeking a judicial review of the specific sales as I do not want the taxpayers of the Village of Kaslo to end up in the same legal, environmental and expensive mess as the Central Waste region of the Regional District Central Kootenay after they purchased some industrial land at what is commonly know as the "Salmo Waste" site.

Respectfully,

Andy Shadrack

From: Sarah Keenan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2025 11:51 PM
To: Village of Kaslo
Subject: The Future of South Beach

Mayor and Council
Village of Kaslo, Kaslo B.C.
May 31, 2025

Re: The Future of South Beach

Dear Mayor and Councillors of Kaslo,

In light of the decision made at the Council Meeting on May 27, I am writing once again to express my opposition to the development of an RV Strata at South Beach by QP Developments. As a teacher, I have frequently engaged students on this land with various local outdoor educators since moving to Kaslo in 2009. I've also gathered with other women and families for recreational and ceremonial purposes. This land is incredibly special to me and to so many local residents. It breaks my heart to think that Council's decision to proceed with drafting the terms of a sale agreement with QP Developments will lead to far-reaching changes and impact future generations of residents' ability to enjoy and maintain this rare, precious, undeveloped ecological area.

I am asking for a Public Meeting to ensure that Council hears from Kaslo citizens and ensures there is an avenue for residents to have a real say in shaping what comes next.

I've written two letters to Council on this matter; one in September 2024 and one in January 2025. I've attended meetings online and have read the various correspondence by Kaslo citizens and by the developer. It is unrealistic for residents to scan hundreds of pages of documentation and technical information, as well as attend all relevant Council Meetings. It's time for the public to feel heard and to receive clarity on Council's intentions for this land. I am only somewhat informed on this issue, and that's despite making a fair amount of effort to stay abreast of the matter.

Neither of my previous letters were answered, though I heard it mentioned at this past meeting that it's unrealistic to expect Council to respond to everyone personally. Fair enough, but I don't feel I've heard one of the concerns I raised being discussed at any of the meetings I attended. An RV park will drastically change the public's desire to make use of the South Beach area. What is presently an exceptional location to admire the surrounding mountains and lake amidst the natural sound of birds will become a busy eyesore burdened by a developer's intention to 'pave it and paint it green'. Sure, conditions can be imposed to allow for the public to make use of the space, but I will certainly not be interested in going down there anymore if development does proceed. I expect the majority of Kaslo residents will feel the same.

Council has voted to proceed with drafting the terms of sale at this juncture, but it was unclear to me why Councillors changed their previous vote on this matter. Did I miss where reasons for this change were provided? Village Council should be stewards of the South Beach waterfront view and lakeshore accessibility, preserving the natural environment first and foremost. I have many other concerns

about how this sale and development will impact our community and the natural environment of South Beach, as echoed in the numerous letters Council has received on the matter. I firmly believe that it's time for a Public Meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Sarah Keenan

June 2, 2025

Village of Kaslo

Subject: Disposition of Land subject to the RV Park Proposal

Attention: Mayor Hewat and Councilors Bird, Brown, Lang and Leathwood

Request for Open House Information Session

The South Beach development remains a profound community concern. Disposition of public assets is a separate, critical decision demanding full transparency and robust public input.

The disposition of this public asset has significant implications for:

- Environmental concerns: unforeseen consequences, especially in a floodplain
- Public Trust: Crucial for maintaining community confidence

Therefore, we respectfully request that Council:

- Commit to a dedicated public consultation process in tandem with the publication of Notice of Disposition of Land subject to the RV Park Proposal
- Conduct an Open House information session with opportunities for written and oral submissions.
- Provide clear, timely public notice of the Open House information session
- Ensure no final decision on disposition is made until comprehensive public input is received and considered.

A transparent and inclusive process for these public assets is vital for Kaslo's long-term well-being and community confidence. We await your positive response.

Sincerely,

Linda Ullo Lynch, Laura Douglas, Emily Mattas

On behalf of the South Beach Working Group

Public Notice

Village Awarded \$150,000 Grant

We are thrilled to announce that the Village of Kaslo has been awarded a \$150,000 grant through the Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program. This grant will help us ensure a sustainable future for Kaslo's drinking-water sources, and plan for flood and erosion mitigation on the Kaslo River by identifying hazards and mitigating the effects of extreme weather events.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Province of BC for their generous support. Award of this grant is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our Council and staff.

Visit our website for more information on how this grant will be utilized. Together, we are building a brighter future!

For more information, please contact:

Ian Dunlop, Manager of Strategic Initiatives
250-353-2311 ext. 107
ian@kaslo.ca

For more details, visit [BC Gov News](#)



Emergency Management

RDCK & Village of Kaslo

Presented by: Dan Séguin

Date: June 10, 2025

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Presentation

- 1 What is Emergency Management?
- 2 Emergency & Disaster Management Act (EDMA)
- 3 Kaslo & RDCK: Shared Responsibility of EM
- 4 Questions

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Four Phases of Emergency Management

- Social, Economic, and Landscape Recovery
- Debris Management
- Housing
- Health & Social Services
- Incident Follow-Up

- Life Safety
- Incident Stability
- Property Preservation
- Evacuation & Shelters
- Mass Care



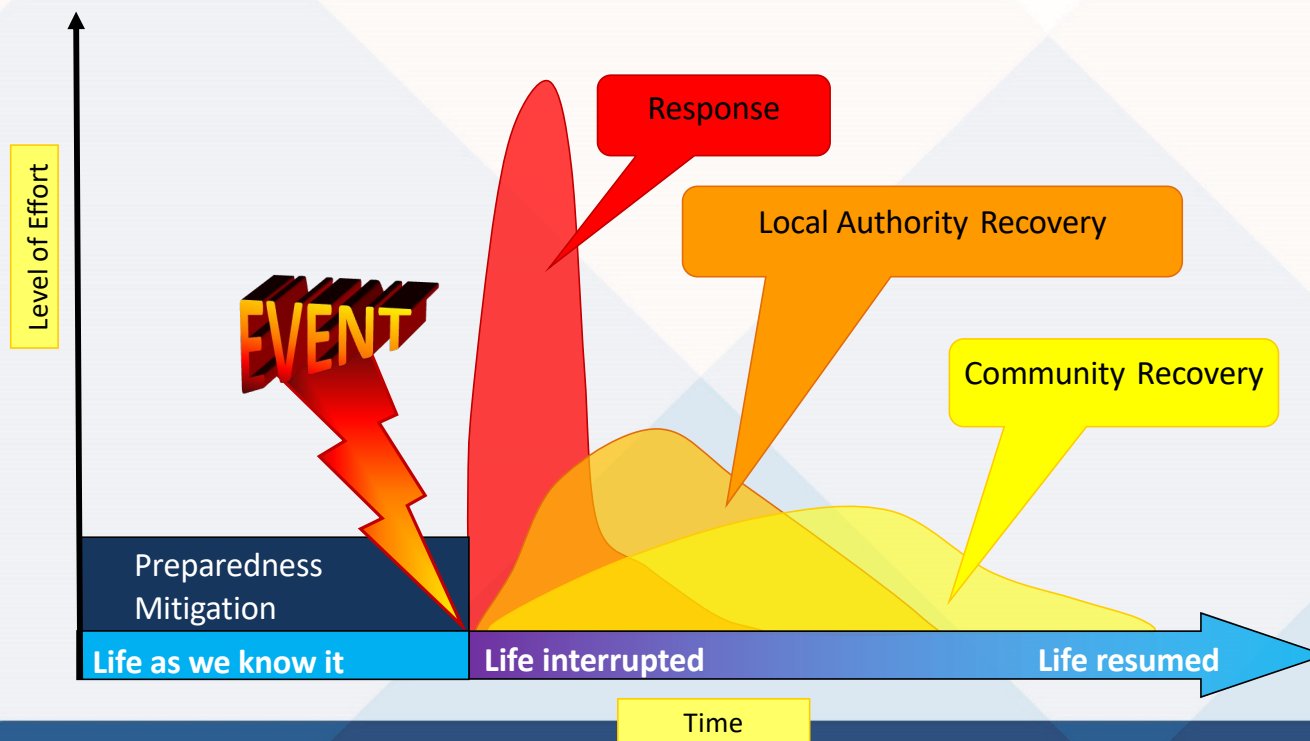
- Public Education
- Hazard & Vulnerability Assessment
- Improved Infrastructure

- Risk Assessments
- Emergency Response Plans
- Training & Exercises
- Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program

Source: Ministry of Emergency Management & Climate Readiness

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Emergency Management Timeline



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BC Emergency Management Structure



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Emergency & Disaster Management Act (EDMA)

- November 8, 2023: Received royal assent and replaced the *Emergency Program Act*,
- Phased implementation of the legislation, with the Province of BC currently developing regulations that are anticipated in 2025.
- Key changes:
 - **Emergency management plans** in which Local Authorities identify how they will prepare for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from potential emergencies;
 - **Risk assessments** to identify all reasonably foreseeable hazards, assess associated risks and potential impacts;
 - **Business Continuity Plans**;
 - **Multi-jurisdictional Emergency Management Organizations (MJEMOs)**: a framework for collaboration and partnerships that can include any combination of local governments, Indigenous Governing Bodies, and the Province;
 - **Consultation, Collaboration and Cooperation**: The new Act requires local governments to consult and coordinate with adjacent local governments, as well as neighboring Indigenous Governing Bodies, in all four phases of emergency management.

Local Authority EM Responsibilities Under EDMA

Risk Assessments

Conduct risk assessments for all potential hazards, and consider climate change, equity impacts, and Indigenous knowledge

Local Emergency Plans

Prepare and maintain local emergency plans to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters, in consultation with Indigenous peoples

Business Continuity Plans

Prepare and maintain BCPs to ensure that local governments continue to function, and essential services can be delivered during an emergency

Direction & Control

Responsible for direction and control of local emergency response unless the province has declared an emergency

Multi-jurisdictional EM Organizations

Voluntary partnerships intended to enable members to meet legislative requirements, such as risk assessments and emergency management plans, collectively

Authority to Act

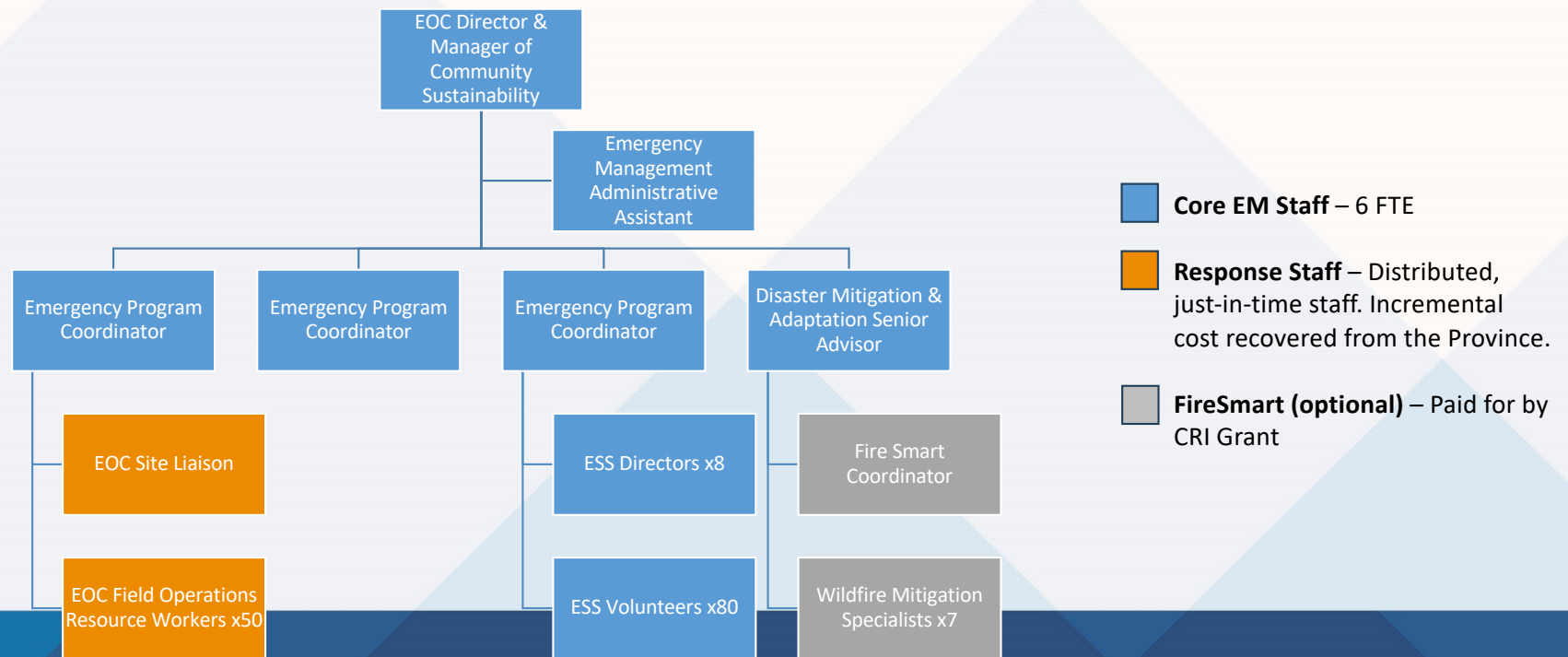
May designate a member of their local authority or an employee of a member of the MJEMO to act as or on behalf of the local authority

Kaslo & RDCK: Shared EM Responsibility

– EM Regional Service Model

- RDCK shared service by all Electoral Areas and six participating municipalities: Nakusp, New Denver, Silverton, Slocan, Kaslo, and Salmo.
- Requisition model is assessment-based taxation:
 - In 2025, the Village of Kaslo's share of the annual budget is: \$26,620,
- \$1mil approximate annual budget
 - EM (planning, risk assessment, training, preparedness), EOC (response), ESS (preparedness, response).
 - Response costs are recoverable from the Province.
 - FireSmart program costs are grant funded, for participation Local Authorities.
- Since 2025, response resources are now distributed across the entire RD and are *just-in-time*, therefore cost-recoverable from the Province.

Kaslo & RDCK: Shared EM Responsibility – RDCK EM Organizational Structure



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Kaslo & RDCK: Shared EM Responsibilities

	Municipalities	Regional District
Governance*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants in RDCK Board & EPEC Will have the option to participate in a regional multi-jurisdictional emergency management organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants in RDCK Board & EPEC Will coordinate a regional multi-jurisdictional emergency management organization
Risk Assessments*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess risks within the Village Critical infrastructure Will have the option to participate in a regional HRVA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess risks within the RDCK Critical infrastructure Aiming to coordinate a regional HRVA in 2025/2026
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency plans* for hazards within the Village boundary. Business continuity plans* for the Village Emergency Preparedness Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency plans* and training for hazards within the RDCK, including NEPP Business continuity plans* for the Regional District services, including the EOC Coordinate Indigenous Engagement Requirement
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal incidents within Village boundaries, until capacity is overwhelmed. Liaise with RDCK EOC, as needed Coordinate public information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage incidents within the Regional District and municipal partner jurisdictions EOC (all functions) and ESS
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate recovery within Village boundaries for Municipal events. Participate in Community Recovery Plan, as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate recovery within Village boundaries for standalone events. Develop and implement Community Recovery Plan

* TBD with EDMA Regulations

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Kaslo & RDCK: Shared EM Responsibility

– *RDCK Response when EOC is Activated*

RDCK EOC in response:

- Gather, verify, and analyze information.
- Understand the nature and source of the threat
- Prioritize response activities
- Allocate resources and lifesaving needs
- Restore critical infrastructure
- Ensure continuity of critical services.

Emergency management takes a team

- A coordinated approach
- But requires varying degrees of effort from positions

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Kaslo & RDCK: Shared EM Responsibility


– Roles for Elected Officials when EOC is Activated

Mayor / RDCK Board Representative:

- Participates in the Policy Group during emergencies
- Consulted on and authorizes emergency declarations (State of Local Emergency) and evacuation orders for the municipality
- Does not direct operations
- Speaks in a coordinated way with the EOC

Other Council Members:

- Share only verified updates from RDCK, BCWS, and other response agencies.
- Be a spokesperson for preparedness, including where to find accurate information and how to sign up for Voyent Alert.
- Amplify any other messaging coming out of the EOC.

 Consistency = increased trust & safety

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Kaslo & RDCK: Shared EM Responsibility

– Roles for RDCK when EOC is Activated

Emergency Operations Centre

- Staff, operate, maintain, coordinate, IT and administration
- Declare State of Local Emergency and/or Local Recovery Period
- Issue Evacuation Alert/Order/Rescind
- Issue Emergency Notifications (Voyent Alert)
- Liaise with Local Authorities, First Nations, Provincial Government Agencies, and other Response Agencies
- Public information and coordination across partners
- Manage finances and cost recovery

Field Operations

- Site management and coordination of resource deployment
- Manage temporary access to areas under evacuation order
- Emergency Support Services and reception centres

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Thank You

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Village of Kaslo

JUNE 2025 PROJECTS UPDATE

Kemball Memorial Centre

\$1,241,041

2025 revised budget

Deliverables

- Accessibility Improvements
- Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC Upgrades
- Hazardous Materials Removal
- Life & Fire Safety Upgrades
- Window Improvements

Funding Sources

ICIP CERIP Grant	\$845,238
Community Development Grant	\$40,000
CBT Basin Charge-up Grant	\$105,600
Kemball Reserve	\$55,000
COVID Rapid Restart	\$24,000
Carbon Reserve	\$50,000
Surplus (interest earned on CERIP grant)	\$121,203



Kemball Memorial Centre

Project Status

25% Complete

Estimated Completion Date: November 2025

Deliverables Remaining

- Accessibility Improvements, underway
- Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC Upgrades, underway
- Sprinkler system, underway
- Structural repairs, tender open
- Electrical service upgrade
- Window Improvements, TBD
- Front Entrance, TBD
- Interior renovations, TBD

Completed

Water service upgrade

Engineering and design

Building permit

Washroom demolition

Grant extension to end of 2025



KEMBALL MEMORIAL CENTRE ENTRY STAIR & LIFT OPTIONS



EXISTING



EXISTING



City Hall

\$90,000

Carry Forward from 2024, plus additional funding

Deliverables

- Exterior repairs & painting
- Council Chamber audio/visual equipment

Funding Sources

Community Development Grant	\$30,000
City Hall Reserve	\$60,000



City Hall

Project Status

25% complete

Estimated Completion Date: Mid-July 2025

Deliverables Remaining

- Exterior repairs & painting, starts June 16
- Council Chamber audio/visual equipment, in progress

Completed

Heritage painting specifications

Selection of painting contractor

Procurement of audio equipment



Front Street Park

\$61,000

Carry Forward from 2024

Deliverables

- Lighting
- Landscaping
- Sidewalk, steps, retaining wall
- Water fountain

Funding Sources

CBT Outdoor Revitalization	\$45,722
Parks Reserve	\$15,241



Front Street Park

Project Status

95% Complete

Estimated Completion Date: End of June 2025

Deliverables Remaining

- Landscaping
- Water fountain

Completed

Washroom building

Performance stage

Retaining wall, steps, seating



Arena

\$237,590

Carry Forward from 2024, plus additional funding

Deliverables

- Back-up Power - Design & Install
- HVAC – Design & Install
- Kitchen – Feasibility Study
- Accessibility – Feasibility Study

Funding Sources

CBT Community Readiness Grant	\$104,148
Growing Communities Fund	\$50,000
COVID Rapid Restart / Surplus Funds	\$13,442
Arena Reserve	\$50,000
Community Development Grant	\$20,000



Arena

Project Status

No new progress in 2025

Deliverables Remaining

- Back-up Power - Design & Install
- HVAC – Install

Completed

- HVAC – Design
- Kitchen – Feasibility Study & Design
- Accessibility – Feasibility Study



Amphitheatre – SS Moyie

\$55,000

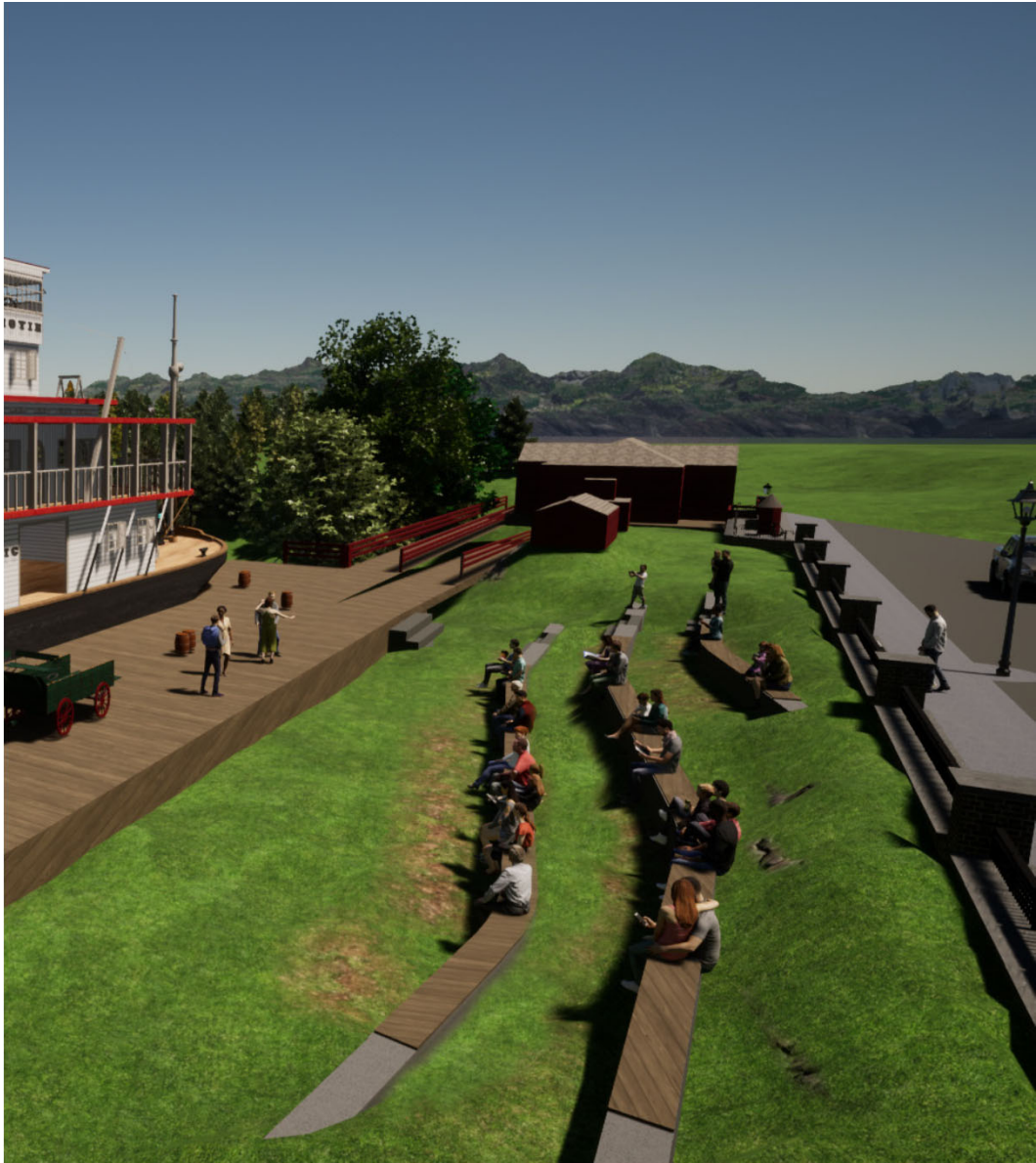
Carry Forward from 2024

Deliverables

- Design & Engineering

Funding Sources

CBT Outdoor Revitalization	\$40,000
Community Works Fund	\$15,000



Waterfront Development

\$22,000

Carry Forward from 2024

Deliverables

- Pier demolition permit

Funding Sources

Rural Dividend Grant (Expired June 1/25)	\$20,000
Community Development Grant	\$2,000



Waterfront Development

Project Status

In progress

Estimated completion date: June 2025

Deliverables Remaining

- Pier demolition permit application

Completed

Archaeological Assessment

Hazardous Materials Assessment

Environmental Management Plan



South Kaslo Development Plan

\$60,000

Carry Forward from 2024

Deliverables

- Water, Sewer, and Transportation Assessment
- Housing Options
- Funding Options
- Engagement
- Conceptual Plan

Funding Sources

Rural Resident Attraction	\$50,000
Provincial Housing Initiatives Grant	\$10,000



South Kaslo Development Plan

Project Status

In progress

Estimated completion date: End of 2025

Deliverables Remaining

- Water, Sewer, and Transportation Assessment
- Housing Options
- Funding Options
- Engagement
- Conceptual Plan

Completed

Background report

Initial public engagement



Housing Initiatives

\$125,640

Carry Forward from 2024

Deliverables

- Perform Housing Needs Report
- Amend zoning bylaw to allow for secondary suites, etc.
- Amend subdivision servicing bylaw

Funding Sources

Provincial Housing Initiatives Grant	\$125,640
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Housing Initiatives

Project Status

In progress

Estimated completion date: End of 2025

Deliverables Remaining

- OCP update to align with provincial legislation
- Zoning Bylaw updates to align with OCP and provincial housing legislation
- Servicing Bylaw
- DCC/ACC Bylaw
- Source Control Bylaw
- Water and Sewer Capacity Assessments

Completed

Housing Needs Report

Residential zoning update



Next Generation 911

\$45,000

Carry Forward from 2024

Deliverables

- Public Education
- Updated Mapping & GIS (property addresses)
- Staff Training

Funding Sources

UBCM NG911 Grant

\$45,000



Flood & Erosion Mitigation Plan

\$65,000

Deliverables

- Environmental engineering
- Archeological Assessment

Funding Sources

Disaster Resiliency & Innovation Fund \$65,000



Sourcewater Protection Plan

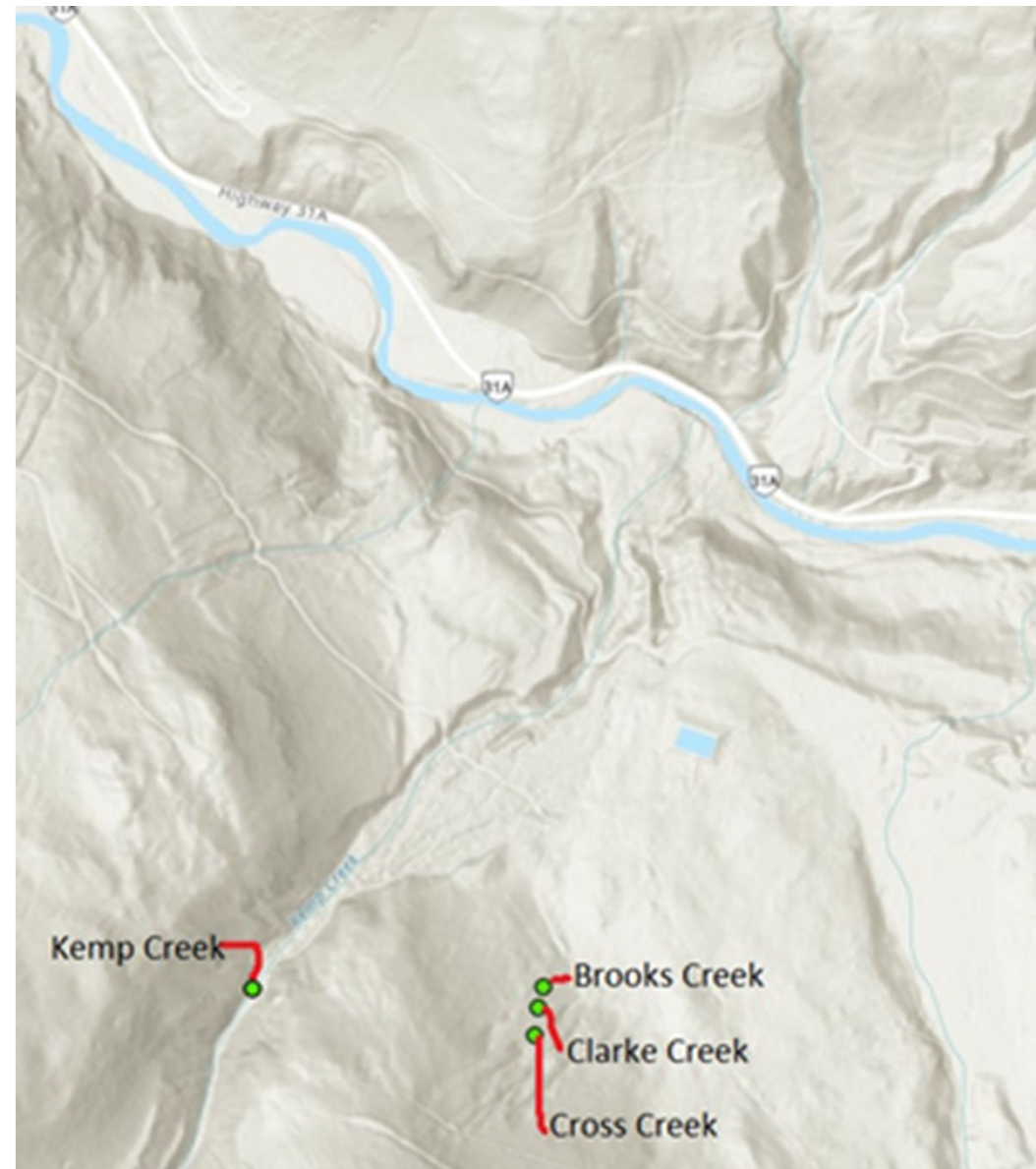
\$85,000

Deliverables

- Conduct a study and develop a plan for Kemp, Brooks, Clarke, Cross Creeks, and Kaslo River

Funding Sources

Disaster Resiliency & Innovation Fund \$85,000



Active Transportation Network Plan

\$20,750

Carry Forward from 2024, plus additional funding

Deliverables

- Vision & goals for walking, biking, rolling
- Recommendations for infrastructure, amenities, and programs

Funding Sources

Active Transport Grant	\$6,750
Climate Action Fund	\$17,000



Active Transportation Network Plan

Project Status

Completed May 27, 2025

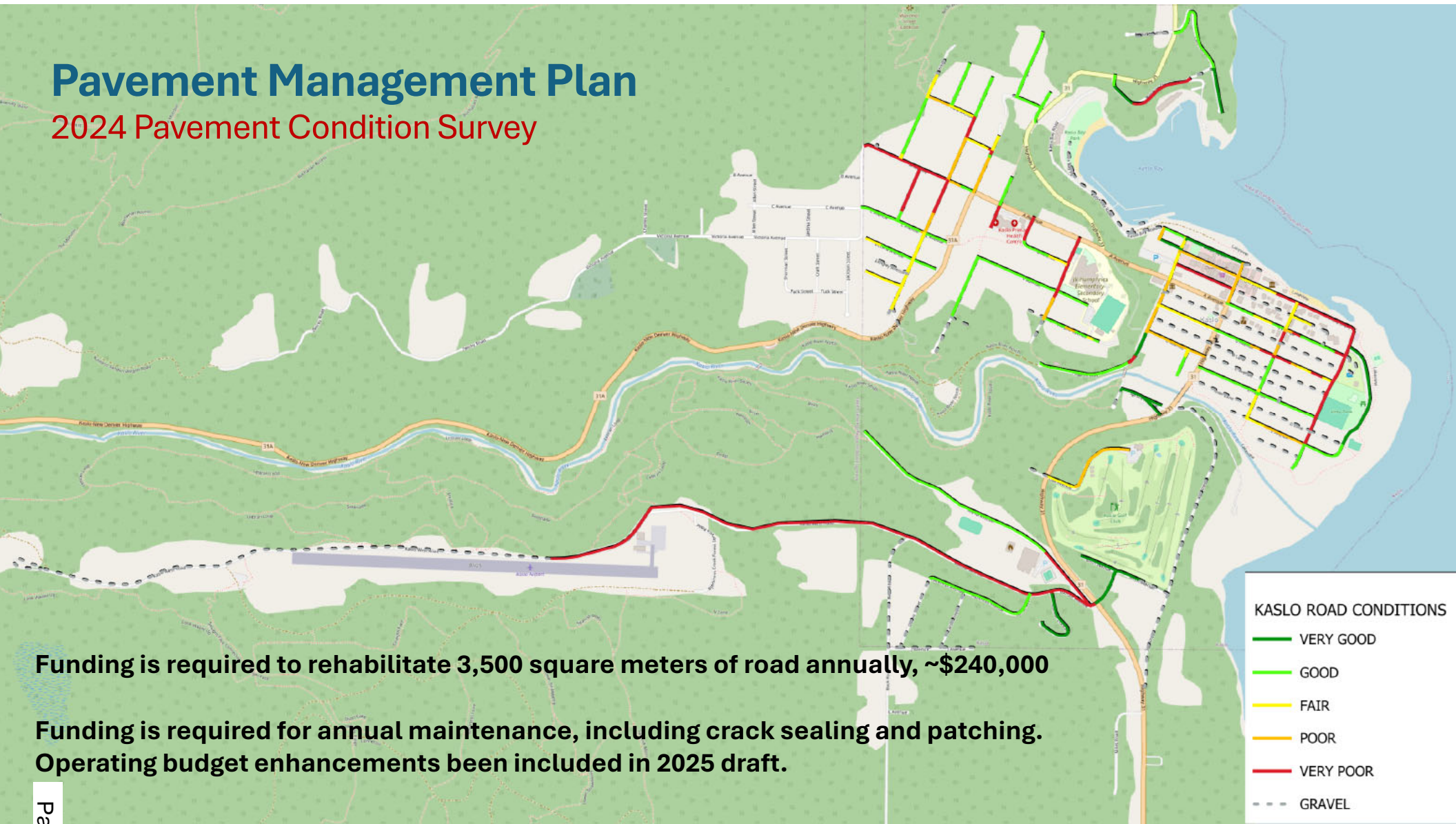
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Active Transportation Network Plan
ICBC Road Sign and Marking Review



Pavement Management Plan

2024 Pavement Condition Survey



Funding is required to rehabilitate 3,500 square meters of road annually, ~\$240,000

Funding is required for annual maintenance, including crack sealing and patching.
Operating budget enhancements been included in 2025 draft.

Paving

\$800,000

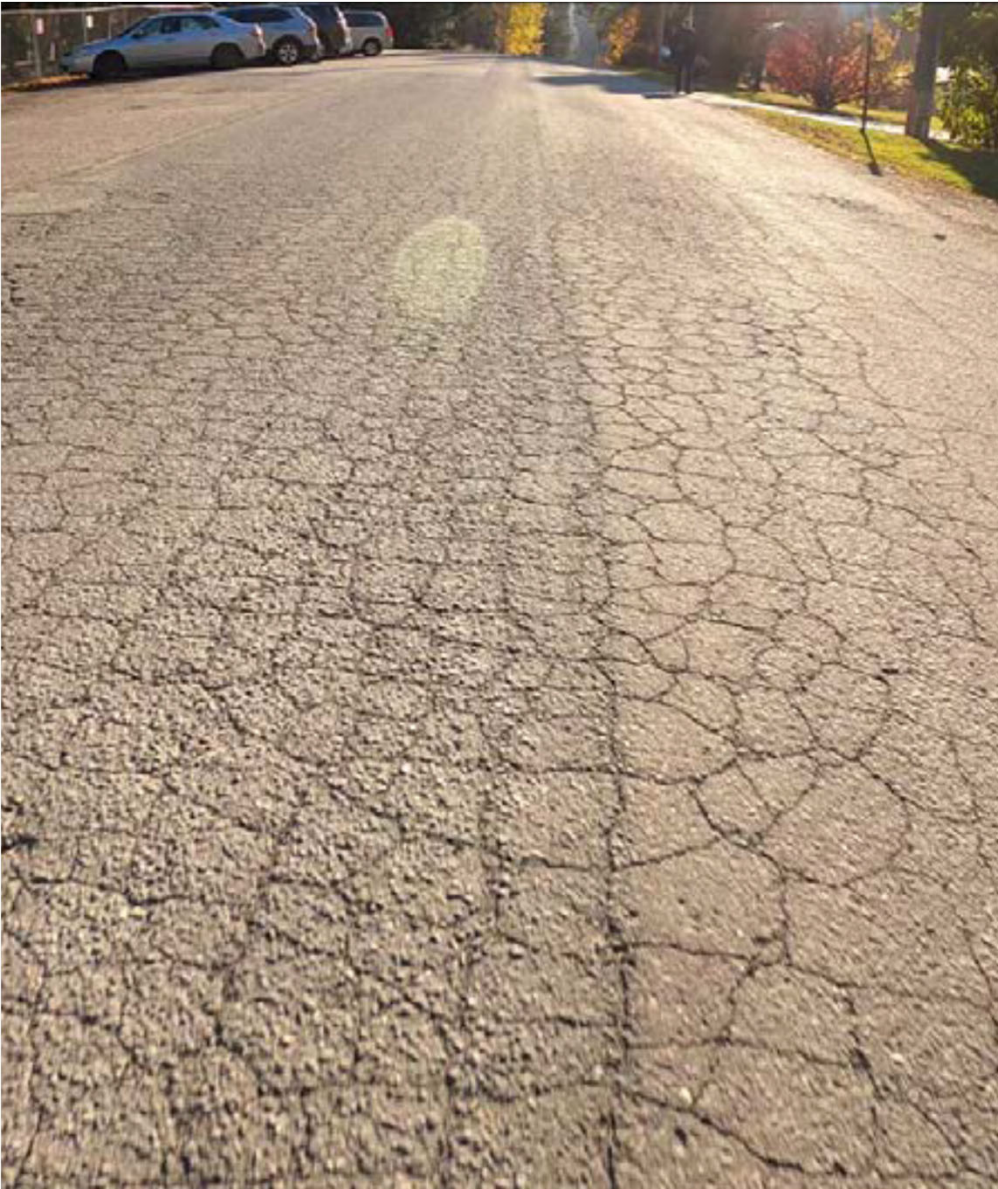
Carry Forward from 2024

Deliverables

- Subsurface reconstruction and paving:
 - Front Street (200 block)
 - 2nd Street (300-500 blocks)
 - Balfour Avenue (Highway 31 to Back Road)
 - Arena Avenue (Balfour Avenue to Arena).

Funding Sources

Community Works Fund	\$300,000
Growing Communities Fund	\$325,000
Transportation Reserve	\$175,000



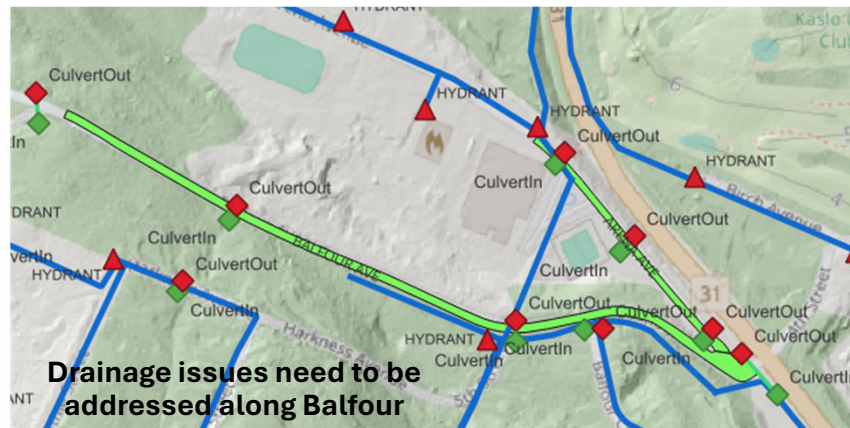
Paving

Project Status

In progress

Deliverables Remaining

- Issue Tender Opportunity
- Award
- Schedule paving for Fall 2025 or Spring 2026



LED Streetlights

\$40,000

Multi-year Project

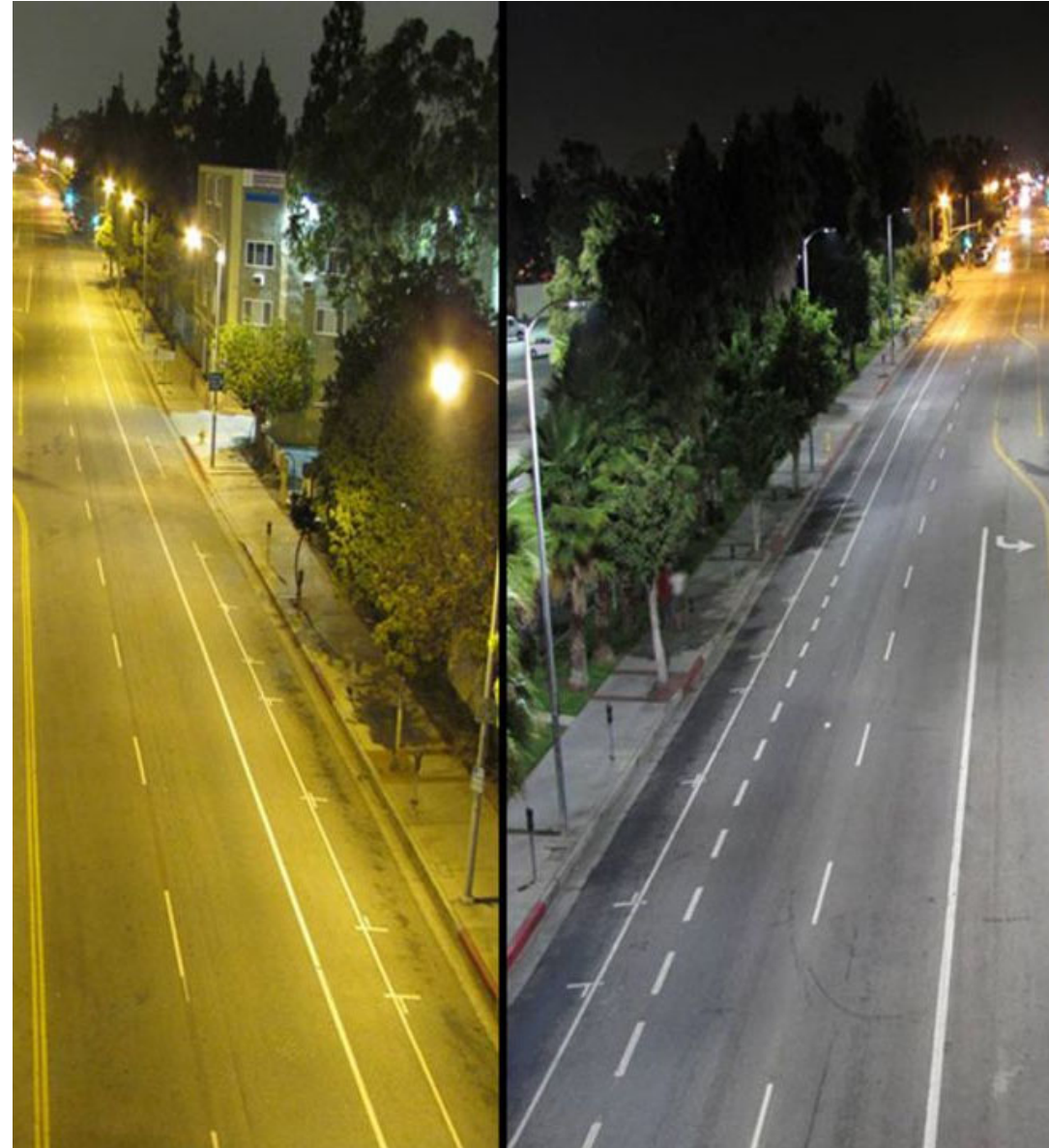
Deliverables

- Convert all remaining streetlights to LED

Funding Sources

Climate Action Fund

\$40,000



Wastewater Treatment Plant

\$60,000

Estimated completion date: September 2025

Deliverables

- Perform expansion design

Funding Sources

Growing Communities Fund

\$60,000



Water Treatment Plant

\$859,727

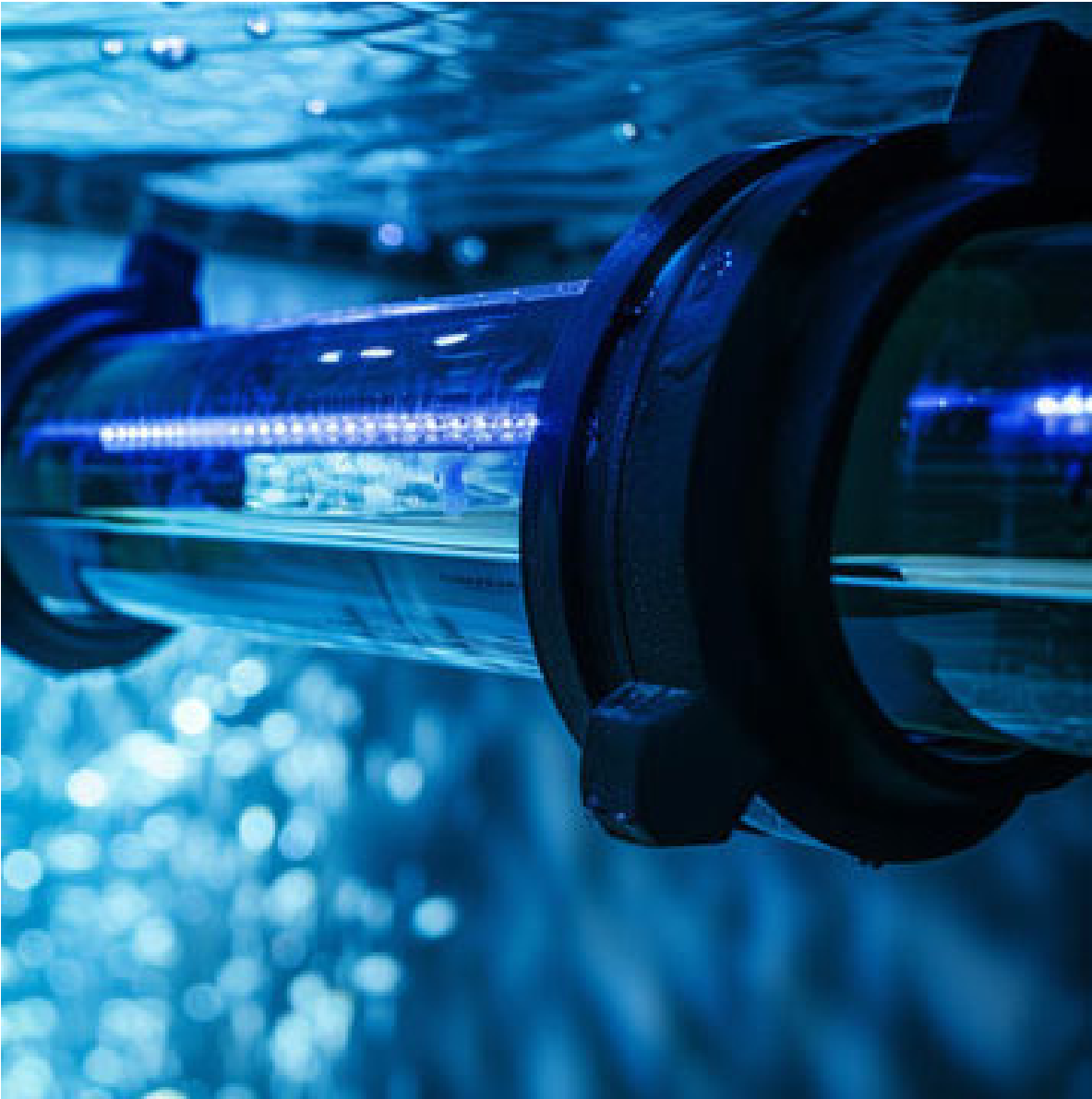
Carry Forward from 2024

Deliverables

- Design and install of UV Treatment System
- Upgrades Controls
- Replace pneumatic valves with electronic

Funding Sources

ICIP Environmental Quality Grant	\$630,464
Transfer from Water Reserve	\$193,791
RDCK Contribution (deferred)	\$35,472



Water Treatment Plant

Project Status

50% Complete

Estimated Completion Date: February 2026

Deliverables Remaining

- Install UV System and Piping
- Upgrade Controls and SCADA

(Construction tendering process is completed)

Completed

- Design and install of UV Treatment System
- Replace pneumatic valves with electronic



Pressure Reducing Valves

\$190,000

Carry Forward from 2024

Deliverables

- Engineered design and installation of PRV #4

Funding Sources

Community Works Fund	\$95,000
Transfer from Water Reserve	\$95,000



Asset Management Program

\$60,000

Multi-Year Project

Deliverables

- Inventory assets
- Perform condition assessments
- Determine replacement value
- Update asset registry and GIS

Funding Sources

Infrastructure Planning Grant	\$10,000
UBCM Grant	\$25,000
COVID Rapid Restart / Surplus Funds	\$15,000
Community Works Fund	\$10,000





Village of Kaslo

DATE: May 29, 2025

FILE NUMBER: 2240-20

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Robert Baker, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Kaslo Baseball & Softball Association – 2025 Fees

1.0 PURPOSE

To consider amending the fees charged to the Kaslo Baseball & Softball Association (KBSA) for use of the baseball field in 2025.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Village's agreement with Kaslo Baseball & Softball Association be amended to increase fees by 3% for the 2025 season.

3.0 BACKGROUND

The Village currently charges \$30 per day for use of its baseball field. The Kaslo Baseball & Softball Association (KBSA) does not always require use of the baseball field for a full day, and the cost of KBSA renting the field at that daily rate would be approximately \$3,360 in 2025. With these factors in mind, the Village has typically chosen to enter into agreements with KBSA for use of the field at rates that are lower than those identified in the Village's fees & charges bylaw. In 2024, the Village entered into a 2-year Agreement with KBSA in the amount of \$950 for use of the field on weekends from 10am to 8pm and weekdays from 3pm to 8pm, April 7 to July 21. The Agreement states that the fees, days, and times for the 2025 season will be determined prior to the start of the season. KBSA has indicated that the days and times for 2025 are the same as 2024, and so the Village only needs to determine the fees to charge for the 2025 season.

Although the baseball season is underway, fees for 2025 need to be established. Council approved a budget for 2025 which anticipates a 3% increase in general revenue to offset a 3% increase in staff wages, contract services, and supplies related to the baseball field. Accordingly, staff recently advised KBSA that they anticipate fees for 2025 to increase by 3%, totaling \$978.50. The purpose of this staff report is to advise Council of the communication that has occurred with KBSA and seek approval to amend the Village's agreement with KBSA to include a 3% increase in fees for the 2025 season.

4.0 DISCUSSION

Staff are in the process of reviewing the Village's sport field rental fees and charges. Recommendations may be presented to Council as part of 2026 budget development. In the meantime, fees for 2025 need to be established so that the Village's agreement with KBSA can be amended.

As the Village's budget assumes a 3% increase in revenues, it makes good sense that the KBSA agreement be adjusted similarly. If Council believes a higher rate may be justified, staff request that a decision be held in abeyance until staff have had an opportunity to complete its review of sport field rental fees and charges, and that for 2025 Council agree to a 3% increase. If Council believes a lower rate may be justified, then staff's recommendation can be amended to lower the rate.

5.0 OPTIONS

[Recommendation is indicated in **bold**. Implications are in *italics*.]

1. **The Village increase the fees charged to KBSA by 3% for the 2025 season.** *Staff will amend the agreement and invoice KBSA.*
2. Alternatively, Council can decide on any rate for the 2025 season. *Staff will amend the agreement and invoice KBSA.*

6.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

In 2021, the KBSA paid \$200 for use of the baseball diamond for their season, and in 2022 they paid \$250 for liability insurance coverage while receiving free use of the field. In 2023, the Village provided \$1,500 in grants to the group to offset insurance costs and entered into an agreement with the KBSA which allowed them to use the baseball diamond at a cost of \$650 for the season. If the Village had charged the daily rate listed in its fees & charges bylaw, KBSA would have paid \$1,950. In 2024, the Village charged KBSA a fee of \$950 for the season. If the Village had charged the daily rate listed in its fees & charges bylaw, KBSA would have paid approximately \$3,360. Although \$30/day is not an unreasonable fee for a municipality to charge, the KBSA is not expecting a major increase in their fees for 2025, and so staff recommended a 3% increase over 2024; \$978.50.

For 2026, staff will gather more information regarding Village's sport fields and make a recommendation to Council regarding rental fees and charges. Staff have advised KBSA that the Village's sport field rental fees and charges are under review and there could be a larger increase in subsequent years. Council should be aware that the rates municipalities charge for sport fields never cover the full cost of operating and maintaining the service. Rather, most of the cost is recovered through general taxation and a nominal user fee is applied to those with direct benefit, such as KBSA. Council's role is to decide on a mix of general taxation and user rates that it deems fair and reasonable. Currently, there is limited information available to support the Village's sport field rental fees and charges. Hence, staff are in the process of performing a review. Anecdotally speaking, rates of \$10/day to \$50+/day are not uncommon for municipal baseball fields depending on whether they are for youth, adult, or commercial use.

7.0 LEGISLATION, POLICY, BYLAW CONSIDERATIONS

None to report.

8.0 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

None to report.

9.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None to report.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Robert Baker, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: Agreement - KBSA - Murray Pearson Ball Park
Amendment #1 - KBSA - Murray Pearson Ball Park

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made in duplicate this ____ day of _____, **2024**.

BETWEEN: Village of Kaslo
 413 Fourth Street
 Kaslo, British Columbia V0G 1M0
 (hereinafter referred to as "The Village")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND: Kaslo Baseball & Softball Association
 PO Box 392
 Kaslo, British Columbia V0G 1M0
 (hereinafter referred to as "KBSA")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the Village owns the property and facilities known as Murray Pearson Ball Park,

AND WHEREAS KBSA wishes to use Murray Pearson Ball Park for regular season and playoff baseball and softball practices and games,

AND WHEREAS the Village and KBSA wish to enter into an agreement to describe the relationship between the two parties for use of Murray Pearson Ball Park by KBSA,

THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of the covenants, agreements and moneys hereinafter set out, expressed and agreed to be paid, the parties hereto have agreed and do hereby agree to and with one another as follows:

USE & ACCESS

1. The Village hereby grants unto and to KBSA the rights to use those portions of the premises described as the field, bleachers, dugouts, concession, and adjoining areas:
 - 1.1 for the 2024 and 2025 baseball and softball seasons based on the times detailed in Schedule B, which will be amended for each season, and
 - 1.2 for the purposes of regular season and playoff baseball and softball practices, games, and associated physical fitness programs only.
2. The Village reserves the right to itself, its agents and servants at all times during the use of the said portion(s) of the premises by KBSA hereunder to enter and go and be upon and in any and all parts of the premises for the purposes of viewing and inspecting same, and the Village shall be entitled to give directions to KBSA in respect of the use aforesaid

by it for the purposes of rectifying any breach of law, bylaw, or regulation associated with this contract, and thereupon KBSA shall forthwith comply with and carry out and cause to be complied with and carried out all such directions so given.

3. KBSA shall not be entitled to assign or sublet the rights of use hereby granted to it without the prior consent, in writing, of the Village.
4. KBSA shall have exclusive use of the premises during the dates and times detailed herein in order to conduct baseball and softball related activities.
5. KBSA will observe, perform and comply with all laws, by-laws, and regulations applicable to the use and occupation of the said portion(s) of the premises by it, and will cause such laws, by-laws, and regulations to be observed and complied with by all such persons whom it shall admit to the same, and IN PARTICULAR that it will not suffer or permit alcohol to be had or consumed therein unless a lawful license shall first have been procured and obtained.
6. Use of the premises by KBSA is subject to the Village being in receipt of a signed contract accompanied by all appropriate insurance documentation along with payments from the previous year being up to date with the Village.
7. KBSA will inspect the premise immediately prior to use and advise the Village of any hazards or areas of concern requiring maintenance.
8. KBSA will comply with the terms and conditions of this contract, and ensure that all persons whom KBSA allows in the premise will also comply with the terms and conditions.
9. Murray Pearson Ball Park is provided to KBSA for use during practices, games, and related physical activities during the season only unless otherwise coordinated through the Village. The Village provides all necessary means to access the facility by KBSA volunteers, and it is trusted that this access is respected by said KBSA personnel. Use of the premises by KBSA outside of the noted period of this agreement is strictly forbidden unless booked through established processes by the Village. Failure to comply will result in charges being billed to KBSA, and KBSA will be solely responsible for all damages/charges that result from such use.

FEES & CHARGES

10. For the rights and use and occupation hereby granted, KBSA will pay to the Village the amounts detailed in Schedule C.
11. KBSA will be responsible for all NSF charges.
12. The Village will attempt to accommodate any additional time requested by KBSA for use of the premises outside of those described herein, dependent upon post and pre-season field maintenance or projects.
13. Fees will be reviewed prior to the start of each season and are subject to change based on usage and the resources required by the Village to provide and maintain the premises.

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

14. KBSA will surrender and yield up to the Village said portion(s) of the premises, and all furnishings, fittings and equipment thereof in the same condition in which the same were when KBSA used them hereunder, reasonable wear and tear excepted, and will upon demand pay to the Village,
 - 12.1 The cost of repairing and restoring any damage thereto which may be done, reasonable wear and tear excepted, and
 - 12.2 The full value of any furnishings, fittings and equipment which may be missing or damaged beyond repair; upon such surrender and yielding up.
15. The Village agrees to provide janitorial services to clean washrooms and park grounds throughout the season. The schedule of janitorial services will be at the discretion of the Village. It is expected that if use of the premise is expected to be excessive on a given day or time of year and if the weather, season, or special event requires the Village to commit additional janitorial time, that KBSA will provide as much advance notice is possible to ensure Village resources are available. The Village will conduct regular inspections to ensure satisfactory compliance with its responsibilities.
16. The Village shall assume responsibility for periodic janitorial services outside of the season to ensure that the premise is acceptable for commencement of the regular season.
17. The Village shall assume responsibility for turf maintenance throughout the regular season to ensure that the premises are acceptable for play. Turf maintenance activities may include grass cutting, trimming, irrigation, top-dressing, seeding, and aeration. These activities will be scheduled around KBSA's field usage, but from time to time may require interruption to KBSA activities to allow for seeds to grow or repairs to heal etc. When possible, any interruption to service will be communicated well in advance, and any

concerns or recommendations of KBSA will be taken into consideration. Line marking materials shall be supplied by KBSA, as well as sufficient tools and supplies for in-field maintenance.

18. KBSA shall assume responsibility for in-field maintenance and other game-day field preparations. This may include, but is not limited to, racking dirt off the grass, removing/installing bases, sweeping dugouts, maintaining mounds, marking lines.

19. The Village shall assume responsibility for structural, electrical, and mechanical maintenance of the premises to ensure that all buildings and fields are safe for occupancy, including roofs, walls, foundations, fences and dugouts. Property owned and maintained by the Village are detailed in Schedule A. Repair work or restoration is dependent upon financial resources, and so the Village reserves the right to take any building or equipment out of service if it is deemed unsafe and/or resources are not available for its repair.

GAMEPLAY

20. All balls must be kept within the footprint of the ballpark. KBSA shall regulate the use of equipment to mitigate the risks of errant balls leaving the footprint. This may include the use of limited flight balls and bats. KBSA may be responsible for damage to adjacent property, including houses, vehicles, and persons caused by errant balls.

21. Nothing in this agreement authorizes members of the KBSA to enter onto private property to retrieve errant balls.

SIGNAGE

22. No signage shall be placed on Village-owned property without Council approval.

CONCESSION

23. Use of the concession building shall be limited to the sale of donated goods with all proceeds going to the KBSA. A designated operator with valid Food Safe certification shall be present to oversee the preparation of food items that are not prepackaged.

24. No food or other animal attractants shall be stored in the concession building.

TOURNAMENTS & MAJOR SPECIAL EVENTS

25. Tournaments and other special events shall be considered outside the terms and intent of this Agreement.

CONTRACTUAL FRUSTRATION

26. In addition to other possible causes of contractual frustration, in the event of a closure of the premises as a direct or indirect result of any strike, lock out, work stoppage or other form of labor dispute, force majeure, natural disaster or any other cause beyond the control of the Village, or any lockout by the Village, this contract will be deemed to be frustrated and the Village is relieved from performance of this contract for the duration of such closure.
27. In the event of frustration as herein before provided KBSA releases and discharges the Village from any and all actions, causes of action or claims and demands which otherwise would arise from this contract.

WAIVER AND INDEMNIFICATION

28. KBSA accepts and will use the said premises at their own risk and agrees that neither the Village nor its respective officers, employees, servants, agents, heirs, successors and assigns have made any warranties or representations respecting the suitability or condition of the said premises. KBSA further covenants and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Village and its respective officers, employees, servants, agents, heirs, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims whatsoever, including all damages, liabilities, expenses, costs, including legal or other fees, incurred in respect to any such claim, action or proceeding brought thereon arising directly or indirectly from or in connection with the use of the said premises by KBSA, any person invited or allowed into the facility by KBSA, or any person for whom KBSA is responsible

LIABILITY INSURANCE

29. KBSA covenants and agrees to obtain and maintain comprehensive general liability insurance including, without limitation, coverage for the indemnity provided herein, on terms satisfactory to the Village. The Village shall be included as an additional named insured for the rental period or the period of the event. Such policy shall be written on a comprehensive basis with inclusive limits of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for bodily injury and/or death to anyone or more persons including voluntary medical payments and property damage or such higher limits as KBSA may require from time to time. The policy shall contain a clause providing that the insurer will give the Village thirty days prior written notice in the event of cancellation or material change. KBSA shall provide the Village with evidence of such insurance coverage in the form of an executed copy of Certificate of Insurance in the form satisfactory to the Village prior to the execution of this agreement.

ADDITIONAL INSURANCE

30. It shall be the sole responsibility of KBSA to determine what additional insurance coverage, if any, is needed for their field and concession operations. In the least, Participants Insurance is necessary and advisable in order to fulfill KBSA's obligation under this agreement. Any such additional insurance shall be maintained and provided at the sole expense of KBSA.
31. KBSA will accept full responsibility for protecting and insuring all its chattels and equipment brought on to the premises for the aforesaid purposes and will release, save harmless and indemnify the Village from any claims whatsoever as a result of loss of or damage to KBSA's chattels or equipment whilst in, on or about the premises.

THIS AGREEMENT and all covenants, promises and conditions hereof shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their respective heirs, executors, administrators and successors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Village has hereunto executed this agreement, and KBSA has executed this agreement the day and year first above written.

KBSA
BY:

THE VILLAGE
BY:

Jo Davie
President

Robert Baker
Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE A – PROPERTY OWNERSHIP & MAINTENANCE

Village Owned Furnishings, Fittings, Equipment
Fences
Dugouts, including attached storage shed
Underground power supply serving the scoreboard and batting cage
Bleachers

KBSA Owned Furnishings, Fittings, Equipment
Scoreboard and structure, including controls
Batting cage, including posts and netting
Field equipment, including bases, ground inserts, lime/paint, and infield maintenance tools

SCHEDULE B - USAGE

2024 Season

Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and weekdays from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., from April 7, 2024 to July 21, 2024.

2025 Season

Days, times, and dates for the 2025 season shall be determined prior to the start of the season.

SCHEDULE C – FEES & CHARGES

2024 Season

\$950.

2025 Season

Fees will be reviewed prior to the start of the season and are subject to change based on usage and the resources required by the Village to provide and maintain the premises.

Amendment #1

SCHEDULE B - USAGE

2025 Season

Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and weekdays from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., from April 13, 2025 to July 20, 2025.

SCHEDULE C – FEES & CHARGES

2025 Season

\$978.50

Amended this 14th day of May, 2025.

KBSA
BY:

THE VILLAGE
BY:

Mathew BRown
President

Robert Baker
Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: June 10, 2025

FILE NUMBER: 0550-01

TO: Mayor & Council

FROM: Robert Baker, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: 2025 Council Meeting Schedule - Revised

1.0 PURPOSE

To revise the schedule of Council meetings for 2025.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the 2025 Council meeting schedule be revised as detailed in the staff report titled 2025 Council Meeting Schedule - Revised, dated June 10, 2025.

3.0 BACKGROUND

The 2025 schedule of Council meetings was approved by Council at their November 26, 2024, meeting. The Council meeting schedule can be revised, as needed, to accommodate municipal activities and scheduling conflicts. By way of this staff report, it is recommended that the Council meeting schedule be revised to remove the July 8, 2025 and the August 12, 2025 meetings. A Council resolution is required to amend the schedule.

4.0 DISCUSSION

Some municipalities reduce the frequency of Council meetings during the summer months, often to one meeting per month, due to factors such as reduced staff availability, vacation schedules, and a slower pace of business during the summer. This practice allows Council members and staff to take time off and can help manage workload during a period when there may be fewer urgent matters to address.

- Many municipal employees are away on vacation during the summer, leading to a smaller staff pool available to support Council meetings.
- Council members often take time off during the summer which could affect their ability to attend Council meetings.
- There may be fewer urgent matters to address in the summer compared to the rest of the year, as some projects and other activities will be in-progress and Council decisions are not required.
- Some residents and businesses may have less time to attend public hearings and meetings during the summer, potentially leading to lower attendance at Council meetings.
- Reducing the number of meetings can help manage our limited resources and minimize the workload for Council and staff during the summer months.

5.0 OPTIONS

Recommendation is indicated in **bold**. Implications are in *italics*.

1. **The Council meeting schedule be revised as presented.** *Council meetings on July 8, 2025 and August 12, 2025 will be removed from the schedule.*
2. The Council meeting schedule remain unchanged with the understanding that some staff and Council may not be available to attend all meetings throughout the summer.

6.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None to report.

7.0 LEGISLATION, POLICY, BYLAW CONSIDERATIONS

None to report.

8.0 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

None to report.

9.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None to report.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Robert Baker, Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS: 2025 Council Meeting Schedule (revised June 10, 2025)



2025 COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Revised June 10, 2025

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS
<i>January 14th and 28th</i>
<i>February 11th and 25th</i>
<i>March 11th and 25th</i>
<i>April 8th and 22nd</i>
<i>May 13th and 27th</i>
<i>June 10th and 24th</i>
<i>July 22nd</i>
<i>August 26th</i>
<i>September 9th</i>
<i>October 14th and 28th</i>
<i>November 18th</i>
<i>December 9th</i>
<i>2nd & usually 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm</i>

2025 ACTING MAYOR SCHEDULE
Councillor Bird: Jan, Nov, Dec,
Councillor Brown: Feb, Mar, Apr
Councillor Lang: May, Jun, Jul
Councillor Leathwood: Aug, Sept, Oct

ADDITIONAL EVENTS	
Open House	6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 4 th – Municipal Priorities
Committee of the Whole Meeting	6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 18 th – Budget Discussions
Committee of the Whole Meeting	6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 4 th – Budget Discussions
Committee of the Whole Meeting	6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 15 th – Presentation of draft budget
Special Council Meeting	6:00 p.m. Thursday, May 8 th – 3 rd reading of Tax Rates & Budget Bylaws
Special In Camera Meeting	9:00 a.m. Sunday, October 19 th – Strategic Planning
<i>Additional SPECIAL MEETINGS of Council, including COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS are scheduled as needed</i>	

DATE: June 5, 2025

FILE NUMBER: 4520-20

TO: Robert Baker, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Lee Symmes, Legislative Assistant

SUBJECT: Temporary Street Closure Request – TransRockies Inc.

1.0 PURPOSE

To consider a request from TransRockies Inc, organizers of the Singletrack 6 race, for temporary closure of nine (9) parking spaces on Water Street.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

THAT nine (9) parking spaces on Water Street, across from Front Street Park, be closed to the public from 8:00 a.m. July 9, 2025 until 10:00 p.m. July 10, 2025, to accommodate a medical team for the Singletrack 6 mountain bike race.

3.0 BACKGROUND

The Singletrack 6 mountain bike race is returning to Kaslo to host the first of 6 stages around the West Kootenays. A special event permit has already been issued by the Village for hosting the race and locating the start/finish line in Front Street Park. Council also approved a Noise Control Bylaw variance for the event at the January 28, 2025 Council meeting. The event organizer has recently requested the closure of parking spaces to facilitate a staging area for their medical response team. A Council resolution is required to authorize the closure.

4.0 DISCUSSION

TransRockies Inc. successfully hosted the Singletrack 6 event in July 2024, bringing an influx of participants to Kaslo for the event. The event is returning for 2025, with all event permits issued, fees paid, and requirements met. The event organizers have subsequently made an additional request to block off several parking spots to accommodate their medical team. This location is close to the start/finish area in Front Street Park, and central to the event's festivities. The event organizer will be responsible for setup and takedown of their own pylons or barricades at the appropriate times. Closure of the parking spaces would support event safety.



5.0 OPTIONS

1. **Approve the proposed closure.** *The event will take place as planned, the Kaslo Hotel will be notified, and the organizer will make use of the parking spaces as proposed.*
2. Council may impose conditions (e.g. alternate hours) or prohibit the closure. *The event will proceed as planned, except without the medical staff having dedicated parking close to the event venue.*

6.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

A street closure fee of \$30 applies and has already been paid by the event organizer.

7.0 LEGISLATION, POLICY, BYLAW CONSIDERATIONS

The Village's Street & Traffic Bylaw No. 1120, 2012 and the Temporary Street Closure Policy outline the process for obtaining a street closure permit. Staff determined this was the best mechanism to allow closure of parking spaces adjacent to commercial streets. Closing any portion of a commercial street requires approval from Council and notification to affected property owners. Temporary Street Closure notices will be posted on the Village's website, social media, bulletin boards, and delivered to the Kaslo Hotel.

8.0 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Nil

9.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Lee Symmes, Legislative Assistant

ATTACHMENTS:

- Temporary Street Closure application from TransRockies Inc.

CAO COMMENTS:

The parking spaces closure would occur on weekdays and so the impact on tourism might be slightly less than if it occurred on a weekend. If Council does not have major concern, then it should approve the parking spaces closure as requested.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL:



Robert Baker, Chief Administrative Officer

VILLAGE OF KASLO
NOTICE
TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE

The Village of Kaslo has received a request from:

TransRockies Inc

(name of organization)

to close a street or streets pursuant to the map (see over) on:

DATE(S) July 9 & 10, 2025

BETWEEN THE HOURS OF Start 8am July 9 - 10pm July 10

FOR THE PURPOSE OF Parking for medical team for event

This form may EITHER be returned to the person delivering it OR returned to the Village office by the person who completes the form.

Please return this form to the Village Office at 413 Fourth Street Kaslo B.C. prior to 12 Noon on Wednesday _____ with any comments may you have regarding the proposed closure. Council will be reconsidering this proposal for closure at its regular meeting scheduled to be held _____.

COMMENTS: _____

Closure of parking stalls to park my medical team for the duration of
the mountain bike stage race taking place in Kaslo in July. With the
start and finish being in Front St Park I need to have me medical
parked close in case of any issues that may arise.

Ryan Blondia
NAME (printed)


SIGNATURE:

May 8, 2025
DATE



Blocked parking stalls

502

504

Centre Street

509

213

5th Street

444

Water Street

430

Front Street

441

437

433

429

425

424

422

420

416

410

408

404

4th Street

Penny Lane

307

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Report Date: June 8, 2025

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

The following is a summary of the meetings and events that I have participated in since my last written report and they are listed in date order.

I have also included a list of upcoming meetings and events.

COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST



The initial meetings for each of the Task Forces and the Board meeting were held in Nakusp.

The Directors who were available were given a tour of the Village where we could see firsthand the projects that have received funding over the past few years. This included a visit to the site of the new Trust Board office.

After the Friday portion of the board meeting, the public meeting occurred. Mayor Tom Zeleznik and Area K Director Teresa Weatherhead made presentations followed by a Question-and-Answer session.

The next meeting of the Trust will be held Valemount on July 25th and 26th.

[The Trust Board Highlights document has been provided.](#)



Board Meeting (Virtual).

Reports were received from President Rebecca Bligh and CEO Carole Saab.

The Finance and Audit Committee made a report, the 2025 Financial Statements were reviewed and approved and the Auditor for 2026 appointment was also approved.

Annual Conference in Ottawa

Thursday, May 29th

After registering, I joined a small group of women in a meeting with MP Karina Gould at the Parliament.

The meeting was organized by Kate Segall Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District. Also in attendance were City of Duncan Mayor Michelle Staples, Village of Slocan Mayor Jessica Lunn, Village of Fraser Lake Mayor Sarrah Storey and Village of Silvertown Councillor Leah Main.

The meeting lasted nearly an hour, and the discussion topics included topics such as daycare, housing and infrastructure.

MP Gould kindly arranged for us to attend Question Period in the afternoon.

Collective Luncheon: "The Future of Infrastructure Delivery: Solutions for Canada's Municipalities".

Presented by the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies

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Municipalities are facing increasing pressure to deliver critical infrastructure efficiently, affordably, and sustainably. The way infrastructure is planned, designed, and built is rapidly changing. This panel will explore evolving delivery models, the opportunities and challenges of AI and digital tools, life-cycle performance to meet long-term needs, and how to manage risk to maximize value. Join leaders and experts from Canada's consulting engineering sector for an insightful discussion on the future of infrastructure delivery and its impact on communities.

Speakers:

- Dominique Brault, Senior Vice-President, Transportation, CIMA+
- Montana Wilson, CEO and Founder, GRIT Engineering
- John Flewelling, President and CEO, CBCL
- John Gamble, President and CEO, Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Canada

In the afternoon I was able to attend part of Question period.

The BC Caucus meeting was held later in the afternoon was Chaired by BC Caucus Chair Will Cole-Hamilton and Co-Chair Louise Wallace Richmond. Also in attendance was UBCM President Trish Mandewo. This was an opportunity for new and returning directors to get an update on the recent work of FCM including the response to tariffs and advocacy going forward.

Friday, May 30th

I attended the opening ceremony where attendees were welcomed to the Ottawa-Gatineau area.

Aspiring First Nations singer, songwriter and musician Mary Bryton Nahwegahbow led us through the singing of O Canada.

Speakers:

- Carole Saab, CEO, FCM
- Elder Verna McGregor, Elder of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg
- Mark Sutcliffe, Mayor City of Ottawa
- Maude Marquis-Bissonnette, Mayor City of Gatineau
- Rebecca Bligh, FCM President

This was followed by a keynote speech by Assembly of First Nations National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak.

Opening plenary – Stronger Together: Building Prosperity Through Canada-US Collaboration

This session highlighted the enduring and robust ties between Canadian and US communities. The session showcased the deep-rooted connections and shared values that bind our nations, with a special focus on the importance for free and fair trade. The panel discussed how the partnership strengthens both economies and fosters cross-border collaboration, ensuring mutual prosperity and solidarity.

Speakers:

- Andrew Ginther, Mayor City of Columbus, Ohio
- Bryan Barnett, Mayor City of Rochester Hills, Michigan
- Drew Dilkins, Mayor City of Windsor
- LaToya Cantrell, Mayor City of New Orleans, Louisiana
- Olivia Chow, Mayor City of Toronto
- Rebecca Bligh, FCM President, Councillor City of Vancouver
- Scott Gillingham, Mayor City of Winnipeg

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Political Keynote: Prime Minister Mark Carney

Saturday, May 31st

Political Keynote: Elizabeth May

Rural Plenary: Bret Leech (Rogers Communications), Brodie Berrigan (Canadian Federation of Agriculture), Carole Saab (FCM, CEO), Jacques Demers (Federation of Quebec Municipalities), Josh Pedrozo (National Association of Counties), Neal Comeau (Rural Forum Chair)

Rural Canada is key to economic growth, but rural communities are at crossroads on the path to prosperity. The report, the Future of Rural Canada (link is below) was unveiled. Panelists assessed the state of rural Canada and offered their visions for a dynamic and prosperous rural Canada.

https://media.fcm.ca/documents/resources/FCM-Future-Rural-Canada-Report.pdf?_gl=1*y34g5z*_gcl_au*MTQ3Mzg0MTkyOC4xNzQ4MjcyMzI2*_ga*NjI5MDQxNDM1LjE2Nzk0NjA4MDU.*_ga_B4BFFLM1JF*czE3NDkzODYzNjYkbzEwNiRnMSR0MTc0OTM4NjM5NSRqMzEkbDAkaDA.*_ga_LDYS3XSXVS*czE3NDkzODYzNjYkbzUxJGcxJHQxNzQ5Mzg2Mzk1JGozMSRsMCRoMA..

Political Keynote: Melissa Lantsman, Conservative Party of Canada

Political Keynote: Gord Johns, NDP

Resolutions plenary:

FCM members debated and voted in favour of the following resolutions:

1. Improving access to health care in Rural Canada
2. Strengthening Canada's economy by diversifying trade
3. Future of Canada Post
4. Strengthening Arctic sovereignty and security through municipalities

Salmo Mayor Diana Lockwood coordinated a tour of Parliament with Columbia, Kootenays, Southern Rockies MP Rob Morrison. I was able to join her along with other Local Government representatives from the Kootenays.

Empowering Women in Local Government Leadership: Breaking Barriers and Building Inclusive Communities.

This session explored the lived experiences of women in municipal leadership from partner countries – Benin and Zambia as well as Canadian women elected officials supporting the PMI-WILL project. The panelists shared the barriers they face, lessons learned and strategies for creating inclusive leadership environments. There was discussion on the insights shared and engaged in a dialogue around challenges and opportunities in advancing women's leadership in local government.

Speakers:

- Annie Kapandula, Chairlady, Local Government Gender Equity Committee (LGGECC).
- Arouna Adizatou (ReFELA – Benin).
- Gaby Senay, Director of International Programs for FCM.
- Kathy Jeffery, Councillor, Town of Collingwood, FCM Board Member.
- Trish Mandewo, Councillor, City of Coquitlam, UBCM Chair.

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Workshop and reception:

Women in Local Government. Explores the experiences of women in municipal leadership, the systemic barriers they face and the strategies for fostering inclusive leadership environments. Discussion on security and safety, support networks, and leading with resilience, with a focus on knowledge-sharing and solutions.

Speaker:

- Bea Bruske, Canadian Labour Congress

After opening remarks and the introduction of the group, participants were encouraged to meet with the international delegation.

Sunday, June 1st

Award Ceremony – FCM National and International Awards

I was honored to receive an award for 5 years of service with FCM.

AGM and Table Officers' Elections

All table officers were declared by acclamation:

President: Rebecca Bligh, Councillor City of Vancouver & Director Metro Vancouver Regional District

1st Vice President: Tim Tierney, Councillor, City of Ottawa, ON

2nd Vice President, Kathy Valentino, Deputy Mayor City of Thompson, MB President fo Association of Manitoba Municipalities

3rd Vice President Marc Doret, Mayor for City of Dorval, QC

Vice President at Large Amy Coady, President for Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador, NL

This was followed by the selection of candidates for Board of Directors for each of the regions.



I was pleased to be elected for a term of 2 years.

Back row: Gord Klassen (Councillor, City of Fort St. John), Jerriyl Kirk (Electoral Area G Director, Regional District of Fraser Fort George), Will Cole-Hamilton (Councillor, City of Courtnay), James Wang (Councillor, City of Burnaby).

Front row: Lisa Dominato (Councillor, City of Vancouver), Louise Wallace Richmond (Councillor, City of Salmon Arm), Suzan Hewat (Mayor, Village of Kaslo), Trish Mandewo (President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities).

Not pictured: Rebecca Bligh (Councillor, City of Vancouver and FCM President)

AGM and Ratification of Board of Directors.

Closing Plenary:

From Scarcity to Precarity: How the Shifting Mindset of Canadians is Changing the Demand from Residents and the Responses of Governments.

As Canadians move from a mindset of scarcity to one shaped by precarity, the expectations they place on governments—especially at the local level—are changing rapidly. Drawing on fresh insights from [Governing in the Age of Reassurance](#), David Coletto unpacks the evolving public psyche and what it means for those in power. With a new federal government and pressing issues like housing and

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infrastructure at the forefront, Coletto explored how a reassurance-driven mindset could shape national policy—and what that means for municipal leaders.

Speaker: David Coletto, Founder, Chair and CEO of Abacus Data.

Scarcity is about fear of losing access to the basics.

Precarity is about fear that foundational systems might collapse in the future.

David provided the statistics on the issues and how each of the parties' rate on each of them based upon this change in mindset.

Annual Conference 2026: Hosted by Edmonton, Alberta from June 4 to 7, 2026.

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South Kaslo Development Plan – Stakeholder meetings.

I attended this meeting along with representatives from the Kaslo Housing Society and Kaslo Infonet Society.

South Kaslo Development Plan Drop-in Open House.

I attended the open house and spoke to several residents about the draft plan and connected them with the consultant so they could provide further detail.

South Kaslo Development Plan Council Session.

Most members of Council were able to attend the session where we were given an overview of the plan to date.

OTHER EVENTS/MEETINGS

Kaslo May Days.

I attended most of the events over the weekend for at least a short period of time and assisted a few events by providing coordination with staff for some required changes.

CAO Baker drove the Village's Ford Lighting in the parade and Councillors Bird and Brown and I walked along handing out candy to children along the route.

I met briefly with MLA Anderson at Vimy Park after the parade.

Kootenay Lake Historical Society AGM.

I attended this meeting where updates were provided by the Board and the Financial Statements were presented and reviewed. Members of the public were then provided with the opportunity to ask questions.

West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Executive Committee.

UBCM meeting topics and the plan for the upcoming Board meeting were discussed.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

Times have been included for meetings that are open for public participation. The Zoom links and agendas for the RDCK meetings can be accessed on their website.

- June 6 & 7 Kaslo Pride Event. Crosswalk painting, parade and event.
- June 17 RDCK First Nation Consultation Update & 2026 Budget.
- June 18 RDCK Joint Resource Recovery @ 1:00pm.
- June 19 RDCK Board @ 9:00am.
- June 21 JV Humphries School Graduation Ceremony.
- June 23 North Kootenay Lake Shared Services.
Kaslo & District Senior Citizens Shelter Society AGM.
- June 24 Celgar Stakeholders Update Call.
Council meeting.
- June 26 WKBRHD Meeting @ 6:00pm
Our special guests for this meeting will be Honourable Brittney Anderson, Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities/MLA Kootenay-Monashee, Steve Morissette Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development/MLA Kootenay-Monashee and MLA Donegal Wilson, Boundary-Similkameen.

Respectfully submitted,
Mayor Suzan Hewat

These board highlights offer a general summary of discussion items and key decisions from the Board of Directors meeting held on **May 23/24, 2025** in Nakusp, BC. Confidential topics, including business negotiations, personnel matters and legal issues, are not included.

- The Board approved the 2024/25 Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2025. They will be made available as part of the *2024/25 Annual Service Plan Report* at ourtrust.org/publications when the provincial Public Accounts are released in August.
- The Board approved \$3.1 million within the 2025/26 Budget for new and/or expanded Delivery of Benefits activities. This funding will support the objectives and areas of focus outlined in our [2024 - 2034 Columbia Basin Management Plan](#). Details on specific new program will be shared in the coming months.

Learn more about our work at ourtrust.org/ourfocus or visit our program directory at ourtrust.org/grants.

- The Board reviewed an evaluation of the Trust's Basin Youth Network program and provided feedback on recommendations to enhance the future delivery of youth programming.

Learn more at ourtrust.org/BasinYouthNetwork.

- Here is the 2025 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - July 25/26 Valemount
 - September 11-13 Radium (AGM)
 - November 28/29 Nelson
- Board meeting minutes are posted on the Trust website after approval at the subsequent meeting. View the minutes here: ourtrust.org/publications.