

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Kaslo and Area D Economic Development Commission S109 OPEN MEETING MINUTES

1:00 p.m. Monday, February 13, 2023 Village of Kaslo Council Chambers

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

Commissioner Hewat Village of Kaslo
Commissioner Lang Village of Kaslo
Commissioner Davie Village of Kaslo

Commissioner Watson Area D
Commissioner Brown Area D
Commissioner Jones Area D

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Davie Village of Kaslo

STAFF

Stuart Horn CAO, RDCK

Catherine Allaway CO, Village of Kaslo

Karissa Stroshein Secretary

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

GUESTS

Erin Rooney Community Futures Central Kootenay

Scott Felman Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matthew Brown called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,

AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the February 13, 2023 Kaslo & Area D Economic Development Commission S109 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The January 23, 2023 Kaslo & Area D Economic Development Commission S109 minutes have been received.

5. DELEGATE

5.1 Erin Rooney, Community Futures Central Kootenay, Rural Northern Immigration Pilot Program

The PowerPoint Presentation from Erin Rooney, Regional Coordinator, Community Futures Central Kootenay, re: Rural Northern Immigration Pilot Program, has been received.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Update from Factor 5 re: Imagine Kootenay Steering Committee

The Committee Report from Eric Burton, Factor 5, re: First Point of Contact Roles & responsibilities, has been received.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Strategic Planning Discussion – Projects for 2023

The report dated January 23, 2023 from Eric Burton, Factor 5, re: 2023 Strategic Planning Workshop has been received.

7.2 Direction to Imagine Kootenay Steering Committee Representative

Commissioner Watson questioned the value of the Imagine Kootenay membership and what a paid position would cover.

7.3 Greenhouse in Kaslo

Commissioner Hewat discussed a feasibility study of a community greenhouse in Kaslo for year-round produce.

Commissioner Jones recommended that Patrick Steiner from the Kaslo Food hub be contacted to discuss the feasibility of a community greenhouse.

Commissioner Watson discussed a previous study from before Patrick Steiner managed the Kaslo Food Hub.

7.4 Support of the Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce

MOVED and seconded,

AND Resolved:

That the Kaslo & Area D Economic Development Commission contact the Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce to request a budget and deliverables for economic development activities in our shared region and request this budget include May Days and the Imagine Kootenay administrative needs as well as further activities the Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce has identified as important for economic development in North Kootenay Lake.

And further, that the Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce is requested to respond to the Kaslo & Area D Economic Development Commission by the April 3, 2023 commission meeting.

Carried

7.5 Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) Grants

Corporate Officer Allaway discussed the REDIP grant process and possible application.

7.6 Economic Trust of the Southern Interior

The Economic Trust of the Southern Interior grant was discussed.

Commissioner Brown discussed contacting the Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce to come as a delegation to the April 3, 2023 Kaslo and Area D Economic Development Commission S109 meeting.

Commissioner Jones discussed coming as a delegation to the April 3, 2023 Kaslo and Area D Economic Development Commission S109 meeting to share what Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society is working on.

7.7 Factor 5

Chair Brown discussed Eric Burton from Factor 5 attend the April 3, 2023 Kaslo and Area D Economic Development Commission S109 meeting to report on the deliverables from the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP) grant as follows:

A report on the over all CERIP grant including the status of the community Kitchen portion of the project and whether the scope change and extension from the community storage to support for developing infrastructure required to achieve Farm Gate or Farm Gate Plus licences has been approved.

7.8 Budget Recommendations

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:
That the budget be accepted as presented.

Carried

Carried

8. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 2:38 p.m.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Kaslo & Area D Economic Development Commission S109 meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded, AND Resolved:

The Kaslo & Area D Economic Development Commission S109 meeting be adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

______ Matthew Brown, Chair