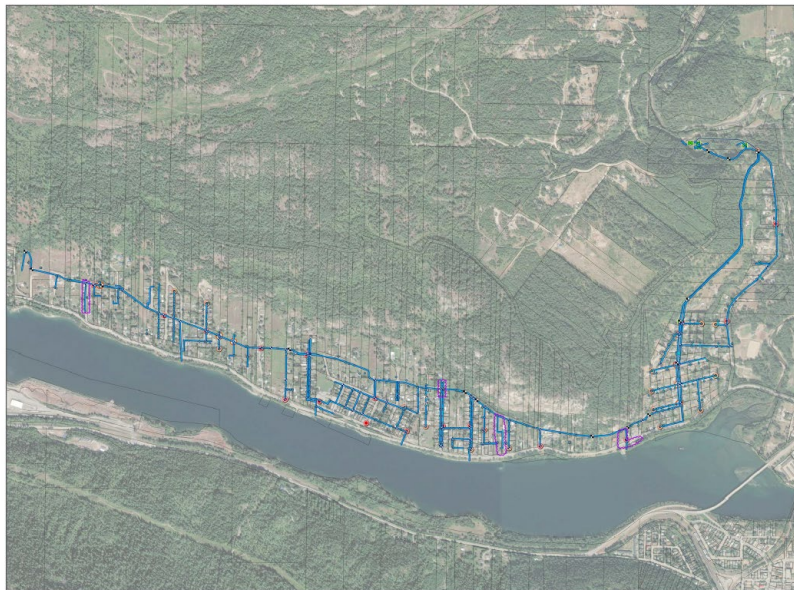




Public Meeting & Information Session

Robson-Raspberry Improvement District

Expression of Interest to Become a RDCK Service



**Presented by: Uli Wolf – General Manager of
Environmental Services**

Chris Gainham – Utility Services Manager

Eileen Senyk – Water Services Liaison

Date: January 14th, 2026



Outline

- 1** Purpose of Tonight's Meeting
- 2** Overview of RDCK Water Services
- 3** Water System Governance and Decision Making
- 4** The Acquisition Process & Next Steps
- 5** Open Discussion

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- General information session
- Explain *what the RDCK acquisition process is*
- Explain *what it is not*
- Answer high-level questions
- Outline what happens **if** interest continues and next steps

Not tonight:

- Detailed Rates
- Final decisions
- Commitments by RRID or RDCK

Purpose of Tonight's Meeting Cont'd

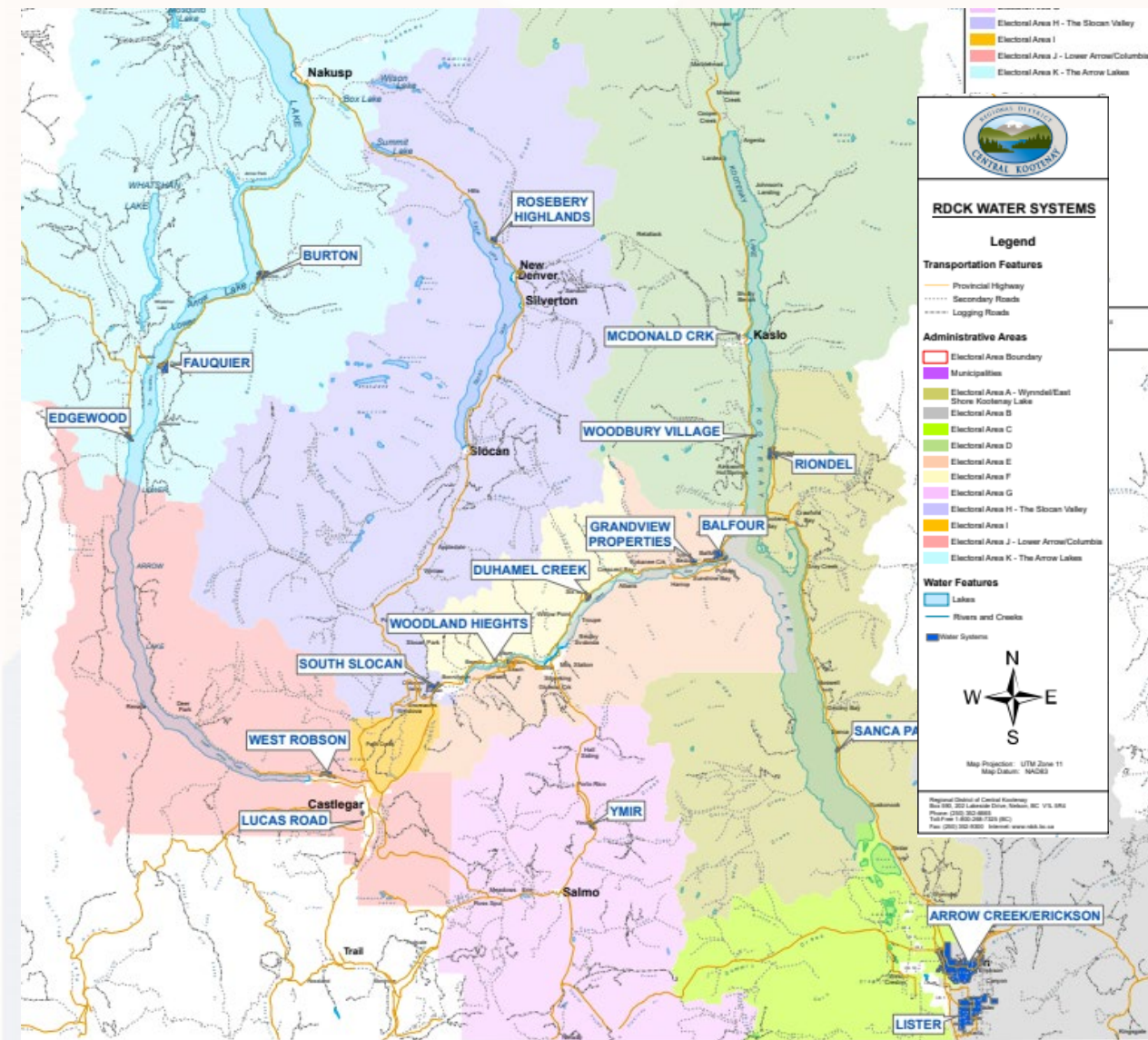
Public Engagement Happens in Stages

Meeting #1 (Tonight):

- High-level information
- Process and expectations

Meeting #2 (Later, if supported):

- Asset findings
- System challenges
- Preliminary financial impacts
- Elector approval details



- Own and Operate 18 Water Systems and one Drainage System
- Systems vary in size (7 – 660+ connections) and complexity
- Manage all aspects of system operations, capital works, long-term asset management, governance and rate setting, monitoring, regulatory compliance, outreach and education
- 24 hr Emergency Response
- Voyent Alert Notification Service



Financial Independence of All RDCK Water Services



Under the Local Government Act, Regional District services, including water and wastewater services, are required to be fully financially independent. Each utility is operated as a discrete service and all costs incurred by a water or wastewater service must be fully paid-for by the benefiting users, with the exception of funds from grants, if available.

Overview of RDCK Water Services Cont'd

General Manager of Environmental Services

Uli Wolf

Water Operations Manager

Alexandra Divlakovski, BSc

Water Operations Supervisor – Erickson

Allan Richardson

3 Full-time Techs
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Riondel Maint Person

- Operations
- Preventative Maintenance Programs
- Repairs
- Leak Detection
- In-House Capital Projects
- Regulatory Compliance
- Capital Works Planning

Water Operations Supervisor-Nelson

Jay Colley

2 Full-Time Techs
1 Part-Time Tech
1 Seasonal Tech

Utility Service Manager

Chris Gainham

Water Services Liaison

Eileen Senyk

Environmental Coordinator

Nathalie Nick P.Ag

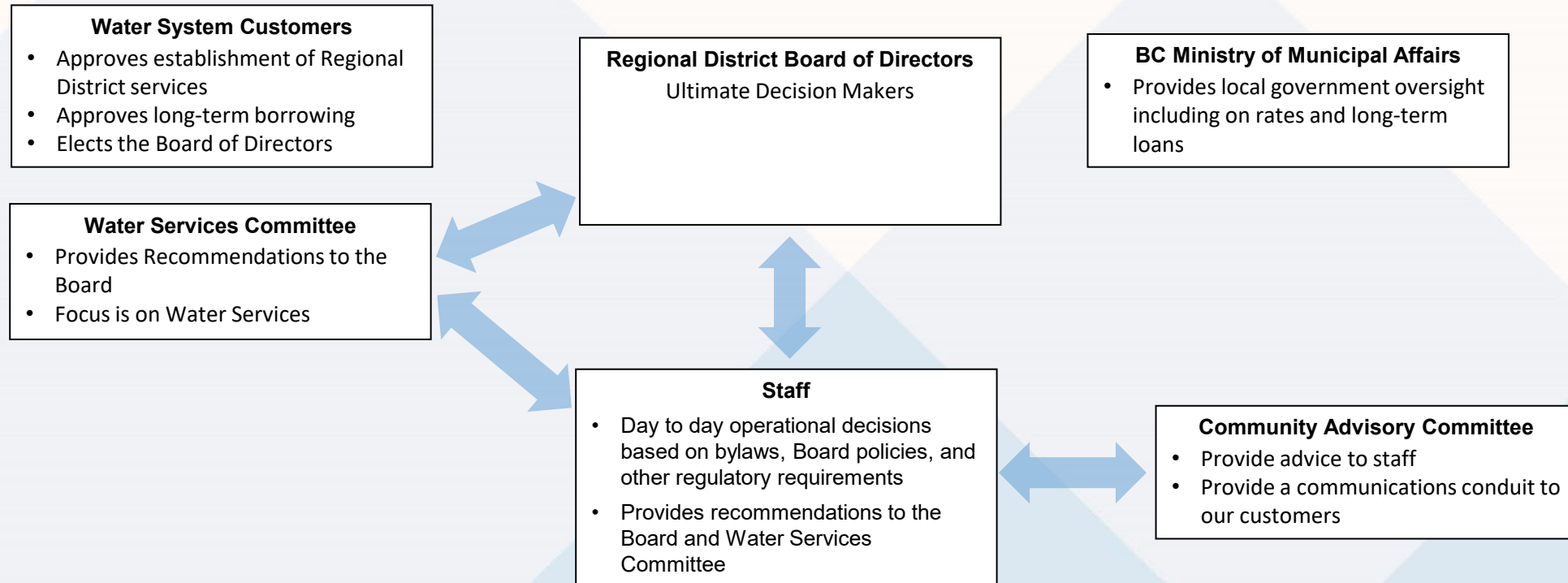
- Administration
- Public Consultation
- Commissions & Community Advisory Committees
- Strategic Planning
- Water Billing and Taxation
- Asset Management & Rate Setting
- Development
- Water Science and Engineering
- Water Conservation Plan Implementation
- Water Systems Acquisition
- Bylaws, Licensing and Lands

Capital – Technical Support

Water Operations Manager
Project Management Group
Utility Service Manager

- Capital Planning
- Studies
- Concept Plans
- Water Treatment Upgrades
- Water Line Replacements

Water System Governance and Decision Making





Why Some Water and Wastewater Systems Explore Acquisition/Transition

- Aging infrastructure
- Increasing regulatory requirements
- Operator succession and burnout
- Rising renewal costs
- Desire for:
 - Long-term asset planning
 - Stable governance
 - Access to grants and borrowing – *we have been successful in securing ~\$12.3M in grant funding in the last ~10 years (we have applied for ~\$34M in grants over this time)*



The Acquisition Process

Step-by-Step Overview

- Expression of Interest
- Public information & engagement
- Informal user support via Ballot or similar (2/3 of returned ballots)
- Initial RDCK review
- Detailed technical & financial analysis
- Public information & engagement
- Formal elector approval
- Bylaws & transfer



Where RRID is in the Process?

Current Status

RRID completed:

- Asset condition assessment
- Preliminary financial understanding
- Expression of Interest (EOI) Submission to RDCK - An EOI is permission to talk — nothing more

RDCK has not:

- Accepted or rejected the system
- Set rates
- Drafted bylaws





What Happens If Interest Does Not Continue

Also a Valid Outcome

- RRID remains an Improvement District
- Asset information still has value
- No obligation created
- No penalties

What RDCK Acquisition Actually Means

If a System Becomes an RDCK Service

Assets remain dedicated to the community

Governed by:

- RDCK Board
- Water Services Committee
- Guided by Community Advisory Committee (comprised of up to 6 ratepayers in the service)

Rates must:

- Fund operations
- Fund renewal
- Be transparent and defensible

RDCK assumes:

- Regulatory responsibility
- Long-term asset stewardship



What RDCK Will *Not* Do

Important Clarifications

RDCK does not:

- Acquire systems that it does not believe are viable
- Hide future costs
- Cross-subsidize with unrelated systems
- Skip public approval steps



RRID Asset Study

What the Asset Study Does

Identifies:

- What RRID owns?
- Where is it?
- What Condition & What is the remaining service life?
- How Much Will it Cost to renew/replace?

Helps inform:

- Renewal planning
- Risk prioritization
- Financial planning



Public Support Required for Formal Application

RRID must demonstrate that at least 2/3 of their rate-payers are in favour of proceeding with a formal application. If there is support RDCK Staff will:

Review consultant work in detail and develop:

- Draft Asset Management Plan
- Draft 5-year Financial Plan
- Evaluation Matrix of RRID Submission

Recommend for Formal Application to:

- Water Services Committee
- RDCK Board – Board Decision to Proceed, Pause or Terminate Application



If Board Approves Proceeding with System Acquisition

RDCK Staff Prepare a Report That Includes:

DRAFT { Service Establishment & Parcel Tax Bylaws
Preliminary 5-Year Financial Plan
Asset Transfer Agreement
& Method of Seeking Elector Approval

Board will give 3 readings to proposed Bylaws and Submit to Province for Approval

Public Meeting #2 – Provide you with the information you need to make an informed decision, system assessment findings, upgrade needs, rates etc.



If Board Approves Proceeding with System Acquisition Cont'd

Elector Approval – Two Options

Assent Vote - *where 50%+1 of the eligible electors within the service area determine whether or not a proposed service area has elector approval. Eligible electors include both resident and non-resident property electors within the proposed service area. This is an important distinction because it includes renters and other electors.*

Or

Electoral Area Consent - *Electoral Area Directors may provide consent on behalf of their electors as participating area approval for a Regional District service. Petition must be signed by owners of at least 50 percent of the parcels that would be liable to pay for the proposed service that represent at least 50 percent of the assessed value of land*



System Transfer Process – Prior to Transfer

- Establishing or transferring Statutory Right of Ways
- Administrative, operational, and regulatory compliance procedures will be established before the final transfer.
- Financial and billing systems, GIS mapping, draft operations and maintenance procedures, scheduling of maintenance activities
- The Board will adopt system rates as part of the annual Utilities Fees and Charges Bylaw update.



Thank you!
Questions?

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