



DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON

Special Meeting of Council

Thursday, November 28, 2024

10:00 AM

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 10:00AM**

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

2.1 Northwest Regional Funding – Upper Skeena Recreation Centre

**3. ADJOURNMENT**



Regional District of  
**Kitimat-Stikine**

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Mayor and Council  
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Dear Mayor Lowry and Councillors,

**Re: Northwest Regional Funding – Upper Skeena Recreation Centre**

The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) is writing to the District of New Hazelton regarding the ongoing challenges with sustainable operating funding for the Upper Skeena Recreation Centre. In 2023 property tax requisitions and user fees represented 47% of operating costs. The facility would have been facing a substantial deficit if not for carried forward surpluses, a one-time provincial grant, and donations.

At the RDKS' November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, Board Meeting the Board passed the following resolution:

*“THAT the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Board allocate \$356,698.50 of Northwest Regional funding for 2024 to Upper Skeena Recreation Centre Operations and the Board send a letter to the councils of the District of New Hazelton and the Village of Hazelton regarding use of their Northwest Regional funding for the Upper Skeena Recreation Centre”*

This allocation represents the full 15% allowable operations funding for the RDKS' year one allocation from the Northwest Regional Funding Agreement and reinforces the RDKS' commitment to maintaining operations of the facility, for which New Hazelton is a participant. Without additional funding in 2026 and beyond, the RDKS will be faced with difficult decisions. Even with significant taxation increases the RDKS may have to consider the reduction in service for the facility without other operations funding.

As participants in the Upper Skeena Recreation Service, the RDKS Board is requesting that Council for the District of New Hazelton consider the use of a portion of the Northwest Regional funding that is allowable for operations in order to ensure the facility remains unaffected while long-term funding solutions are sought out.

Yours Truly,

Cyra Yunkws  
Board Chair