



Media Release

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Online engagement tool for Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Area Program Funding (CIP/AAP) grants

We want to hear from you!

Nelson, BC: Public engagement is an integral part of the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program Funding (CIP/AAP) process. Normally, public input into the grant awards would be received at community meetings held throughout the Regional District of Central Kootenay every April. However, due to the ongoing restrictions on public gatherings, the online engagement tool will be utilized again this year to ensure the grant process moves forward. This tool will allow the public to provide their feedback on proposed projects for the area in which they live.

In 2020, the online engagement tool was very successful as a total of four thousand seven hundred and thirty (4730) entries were received. Once the public engagement period was complete, all feedback was shared with the adjudication committee of each of the 20 RDCK jurisdictions (11 electoral areas and nine municipalities) for their review and consideration. The adjudication committees then provided their recommendations to the RDCK Board of Directors.

Please note the online engagement tool is not a voting system, but a way for the public to provide the feedback on projects they feel are most important to the area they live in.

The public engagement period will be from **March 29, 2021 at 8:00 am to April 9, 2021 at 4:30 pm.**

To participate in the public engagement process, please visit the RDCK website at www.rdck.ca/cip-aap on or after March 29th.

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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