



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. For a third straight year the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will use an online engagement tool, which will allow the public to provide their feedback on proposed projects for the area in which they live.

Public input into Salmo and Electoral Area G funded projects will be considered at an in-person meeting to take place in April. The location and date is to be determined.

The online public engagement period will be from **March 28, 2022 at 8:00 am to April 8, 2022 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 28th.

In 2021, the online engagement tool was very successful as a total of eight thousand four hundred thirty five (8,435) entries were received, almost double from 2020. 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.

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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