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# Share Your Thoughts and Help Plan the Future of Parks, Trails, and Water Access in the RDCK

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is embarking on a month-long engagement process to support the development of a Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access Strategy, which will help inform the planning, decision-making, and management of the Regional Parks and Trails Services over the next 10 years. The RDCK is seeking residents input to hear their thoughts on the current state and future of Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access points in the RDCK.

"Our goal at the RDCK is to provide top-notch nature-based recreation opportunities while supporting the economic, social, and environmental objectives of the region," said Trisha Davison, RDCK Regional Manager – Recreation & Client Services. "To achieve this, we're crafting a Regional Parks, Trails, and Water Access Strategy to guide our efforts for the next 10 years."

Information gathered throughout the engagement period will help create a clear understanding of the existing parks, trails, and water access areas that we have now, how well they are meeting the needs of residents, what opportunities we want in the future, and how we can make it happen.

"We value input from all residents, whether you are a regular user of parks, trails or water access points or not," said Davison. "Resident feedback will help guide our efforts to enhance these vital resources and ensure we are moving in the direction RDCK residents want."

Residents can share their thoughts by <u>filling out a survey</u>, placing points and adding comments onto an <u>interactive map</u>, or through direct conversations, as we will be popping up in high-traffic locations around the RDCK between May 23 and 25.

Learn more about how you can participate in the upcoming Regional Parks, Trails and Water Access Strategy engagement process at <u>engage.rdck.ca</u>.

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 <u>www.rdck.ca</u>.

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