

# **Media Release**

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# Have Your Say on Reimagining Recreation in Electoral Areas I, J, and the City of Castlegar

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is beginning phase two of Reimagining Recreation Services in the Castlegar & District Area, with the launch of a resident survey. The survey is intended to gather resident feedback to help the Recreation Commission of Area I, Area J, and City of Castlegar plan the future of recreation services and understand resident's thoughts on the following topics:

- What enhancements or additional amenities are needed or desired at the Castlegar & District Community Complex?
- What improvements to recreation services are needed overall in the Castlegar & District Area (outside the Community Complex)?
- What is the community willing or able to fund for potential enhancements or additional recreation amenities?

This phase of the community consultation process will also include a group survey to understand Castlegar & District recreation group's perspectives. This survey will be shared directly with recreation groups.

Information gathered from the resident and group surveys will help determine the communities' priorities for recreation today and identify how the RDCK can improve current programs and amenities offered. In addition, it will determine future recreation planning priorities for the RDCK based on how the community would like their tax dollars spent in the Castlegar & District Area.

Phase one of the process, which was recently completed, included hosting a series of community meetings throughout Castlegar and Areas I and J. The intent of the meetings was to inform residents about the consultation process and how it could lead to potential service enhancements, layout how the engagement process will be completed, share information about the current state of recreation services, and gather feedback from the community on the future of recreation in Castlegar and Areas I and J.

Upon completion of the survey, residents are eligible to enter a draw for one of three \$100 Grocery Store Gift Cards.

Deadline for residents to share their thoughts is July 5 at 4:00pm PT. Residents can fill out the survey <u>here</u> or go to <u>engage.rdck.ca</u> for more information on the community consultation process.

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 <a href="https://www.rdck.ca">www.rdck.ca</a>.

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