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RDCK Prepares Draft Electoral Area I Official Community Plan for Community Review

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has prepared a new draft Official Community Plan (OCP) for Electoral Area I to help manage growth and land use development in its communities (Brilliant, Glade, Pass Creek, Thrums, Tarrys, Shoreacres and the Voykin Subdivision). The OCP is now out for public review and comment until August 26th 2024.

An OCP is a policy document that influences how people experience their community. This includes how we live, gather, work, learn, recreate, shop and move around in our Electoral Area. At its heart, an OCP is about land use management and physical growth within the Electoral Area. As well, an OCP guides residential development and transportation choices, climate action planning, community character, health and equity, housing affordability, protection of ecological areas, resource management and servicing infrastructure.

The making of an OCP is a collaborative process. This OCP is the culmination of an extensive multi-year community engagement process. Over 425 participants, including children, youth, elders, community organizations, First Nation members, governments, agencies and partners, have participated in its development. Engagement activities were designed to involve and consult the community on important topics and decisions to guide a shared future for the communities covered in the OCP.

RDCK Planning Staff are collecting comments from the public, external agencies, and internal RDCK departments until August 26, 2024. After the referral period has closed, these comments will be used to update the draft OCP before the RDCK Board considers first reading of the bylaw. This is not the last chance to provide feedback. Once the Board has granted first reading a public hearing will be held.

The RDCK seeks YOUR input!

The draft OCP, associated mapping and a referral companion document can be found on the project website: www.rdck.ca/PlanAreaI.

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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