



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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## Better sound system at Nelson and District Community Complex Arena

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Nelson, BC: Spectators attending events at the Nelson and District Community Complex (NDCC) Arena will enjoy a much-improved sound system, thanks to the Nelson Leafs Junior B Hockey Club, Martech Electrical Systems and the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK).

“I’d like to thank the Nelson Leafs for taking the initiative to get these improvements started, and Martech for stepping up to cover the installation costs,” said Tom Newell, Chair of the Nelson & District Recreation Commission. “This is an excellent example of community-minded partners working together and coming up with a solution that will make everyone’s experience at the arena that much more enjoyable.”

The Recreation Commission and NDCC staff had been approached by the Nelson Leafs in the past to make improvements to the arena sound system. The RDCK consulted with Sound Solutions, a BC-based sound system company, to look at upgrades to the existing sound system. These upgrades would include the relocation of the existing public announcement (PA) system speakers and an additional row of speakers over the stands on both sides of the arena. New amplifiers would also be installed to power the new speakers. The cost of these improvements was \$22,526, plus taxes.

After reviewing the Sound Solutions proposal with the RDCK, Martech Electrical expressed an interest in donating resources to cover the cost of the installation as part of a community project, which would bring the cost of the upgrades project down to \$16,000, plus taxes.

The Nelson Leafs returned with a proposal that the RDCK provide the upfront cost of the upgrades, and the Leafs would repay the cost of the upgrades over a five-year period. This would allow the project to commence immediately without the need to use operating funding or reserves. The RDCK Board of Directors approved the funding agreement in August 2018, and the upgrades were completed in October.

“The Nelson Leafs are pleased to partner with the NDCC as we see this upgrade having broad community benefit,” said John Dooley, President of the Nelson Leafs. “It is one more opportunity for us to give back to our community.”

“We are pleased to contribute to this noteworthy project for all users to benefit,” said Mario DiBella, President of Martech Electrical. “Giving back to our community is something we take great pride in.”

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