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RDCK Invites Expressions of Interest from Water and Wastewater Systems to Become RDCK Services

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is now accepting Expressions of Interest from water and wastewater systems across the region wishing to transition to RDCK ownership and operation.

In July 2024, the RDCK Board of Directors approved the 2024 Water and Wastewater Acquisition Plan, lifting a moratorium on new acquisitions that had been in place since 2011. Alongside this, the Board adopted the 2024 Water and Wastewater Systems Acquisition Policy, which provides a clear roadmap for the acquisition process. Many small, independent water and wastewater systems in our area face significant challenges, such as:

- Maintaining water quality compliance.
- Aging infrastructure and inadequate funding.
- Declining volunteer involvement in operations.
- Difficulty attracting and retaining certified operators.
- Liability for volunteers and maintaining liability insurance

By transferring ownership to the RDCK, system owners and residents can benefit from the expertise, resources, and long-term planning the RDCK provides, plus:

- Expertise in lifecycle asset management and financial planning.
- Proven success in capital projects, including storage reservoirs, water metering, and quality upgrades.
- Reliable operations and maintenance by Certified Operators available 24/7 for emergency response as well as experienced water science and engineering staff.

How to Apply

Water and wastewater systems within RDCK boundaries are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest. Comprehensive guidance, submission documents, and details about the acquisition process are available on the RDCK website at www.rdck.ca/becomeaRDCKwaterservice.

This is an exciting opportunity for local systems to secure sustainable, long-term solutions for water and wastewater management, ensuring safe and reliable services for their communities.

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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