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RDCK Redesigns Climate Action Engagement Process

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is pleased to announce a redesigned climate action engagement process based on feedback we received from the community. The postponement of the public engagement meetings has allowed the RDCK time to reconvene and reconsider how best to work with residents to address concerns and provide information about RDCK Climate Actions.

The RDCK community has emphasized the need for transparency and open communication. We have heard you. We have streamlined the ways the public can get involved, both in-person and online, to provide feedback and influence the proposed Climate Action Plan. From July to October, the mix of in-person and online engagements are an opportunity for residents to review all the information and actions, provide feedback, and interact with RDCK staff on how best to strengthen community resilience throughout the RDCK.

- **In person:**
 - Dialogue Circles – This August, the RDCK will be reaching out to community members with diverse view points, seeking to learn more about the various issues and concerns being faced by communities.
 - Open Houses – Over a two month period between August and October, the RDCK will host 20 Open Houses to engage in thoughtful, constructive dialogue across all 11 Electoral Areas and nine municipalities. These open houses will include panel discussions on key actions pathways such as transportation, land use, food, agriculture, and water.
- **Online:** Starting July 10, the RDCK will host six webinars to learn about pathway actions and the Climate Action project page on our online public engagement platform <https://engage.rdck.ca/> will launch July 14.

RDCK Climate Actions is a proposed four-year guidance plan, focused on identifying supports that reflect the diverse needs of RDCK residents. We value your input and want to ensure everyone has a chance to participate. There is opportunity for all residents to join the conversation. We are reviewing all feedback, compiling it, and will report it to the community and RDCK Board. Your feedback will be presented to the Board before the plan is considered for adoption.

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

1. RDCK Website (online) – Check out the RDCK [climate action webpage](#) or [RDCK Events Calendar](#) regularly and follow [RDCK's Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for the latest updates and for more information on the plan, including frequently asked questions. Familiarize yourself with the Draft RDCK Climate Actions and the accompanying

Draft Climate Action Workbook. If you prefer a printed copy, [email us](#) with your address and we will mail them to you.

2. Webinars (online) - Join RDCK staff to discuss the pathway actions currently underway and actions proposed for the future. These webinars will be recorded and available as reference on the specific pathways. You can register by clicking on the links below or through our website www.rdck.ca/climateaction:

REGISTER for Resource Recovery & Land Use	Monday, July 10	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
REGISTER for Buildings & Energy	Tuesday, July 11	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
REGISTER for Transportation	Thursday, July 13	10:30 am – 11:30 am
REGISTER for Food & Agriculture & Wildfire	Monday, July 17	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
REGISTER for Water	Wednesday, July 19	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
REGISTER for Emergency, Floods & Geohazards	Monday, July 24	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

3. Online Public Engagement Platform (online) – Join the conversation online. Stay tuned to <https://engage.rdck.ca/> - we will be launching the Climate Action project page on our online public engagement platform on July 14.

4. Dialogue Circles (in person) - We are hosting dialogue circles across the region to learn about your experience in the RDCK and to understand your questions and concerns. We will be engaging community members with diverse view points in the next few weeks and seeking to learn more about the various issues or concerns being faced by communities.

5. Open Houses (in person) – Beginning at the end of August and running through October there will be opportunity for all residents to join the conversation with meetings across all 11 Electoral Areas and nine municipalities.

CLIMATE ACTION OPEN HOUSES		
August 24	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Slocan Park Community Hall , 2036 BC 6, Slocan Park (Area H)
August 28	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Hills Community Fire Hall , 4480 Highway 6, Hills (Area H)
August 29	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Creston Recreation Centre , 312 19 th Ave N, Creston (Creston, Areas B & C)
August 30	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Salmo Youth & Community Centre (Gym) , 206 7 th St, Salmo (Area G & Salmo)
September 5	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Wynndel Hall (Upper Hall) , 5127 Wynndel Rd, Wynndel (Area A)
September 6	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Bosun Hall , 710 Bellevue St, New Denver (Area H)
September 7	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Balfour Hall , 602 Queens Bay Rd, Balfour (Area E)
September 8	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Lardeau Valley Community Club , 13429 BC-31, Meadow Creek (Area D)
September 11	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Crawford Bay Hall , 16230 Wadds Rd, Crawford Bay (Area A)
September 12	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Yahk Community Hall , 8790 Railway Ave, Yahk (Area B)
September 18	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Brilliant Cultural Centre , 1876 Brilliant Rd, Castlegar (Area I)
October 2	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Castlegar & District Recreation Centre (Selkirk Room) , 2101 6 th Ave, Castlegar (Castlegar & Area I)
October 3	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Kaslo Legion , 403 Fifth St, Kaslo (Kaslo & Area D)
October 10	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Nakusp & District Community Complex (Auditorium) , 200 8 th Ave NW, Nakusp (Nakusp & Area K)

October 11	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Robson Hall , 3067 Waldie Rd, Robson (Area J)
October 16	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Taghum Hall , 5915 Taghum Hall Rd, Nelson (Area E)
October 17	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	North Shore Hall – 675 Whitmore Rd, Nelson (Nelson and Area F)
October 23	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Burton Hall , 125 Burton Main Rd (Area K)
October 24	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Appledale Hall , Appledale Park Rd, Central Kootenay (Area H)
October 25	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Procter Hall , 246 3 rd Ave, Procter (Area E)

6. Subject meetings (in person) – In the fall, we are also planning meetings focussed on some of the key actions pathways including transportation, land use, food and agriculture, and water. The intent is to have panels with community representatives, local subject experts, non-profit organizations, and interested individuals. More details to come.

Together, let's make a positive impact in our region and create a resilient future for the RDCK community.

For more information and background on climate action go to www.rdck.ca/climateaction.

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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