



# Community Recovery

## Information Bulletin

### RDCK Community Recovery Information Bulletin – March 31, 2025

As recovery efforts continue following the 2024 wildfire season, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) remains committed to supporting affected communities through inclusive, responsive, and collaborative approaches. Guided by the principle of "Build Back Better," we are continuing to implement and expand on recovery initiatives across the region.

#### March Recovery Efforts

March saw continued progress in community engagement, support coordination, and partnership development. Highlights from this month include:

- **Community Reflection Session in Argenta:** On March 30, we held a community reflection session in Argenta. The participants provided thoughtful contributions and valuable insights into their experiences and recovery needs. We appreciate the engagement of those who attended. Additional sessions are planned for Silverton and Slocan on April 5 and 6.
- **Food Security Support for the Slocan Valley:** In response to identified food security concerns, we secured direct financial support from Food Banks BC. This funding is now supporting a coordinated initiative led by WK NavCare and the WE Graham Society. Local businesses including the Slocan Market, the Silverton General Store, and New Market Foods are actively involved in this community-based response.
- **Economic Response Planning and Engagement:** We attended a community meeting at the SifCO resiliency centre co-hosted by Community Futures Central Kootenay and Selkirk College Innovates. At this meeting, the host presented the newly developed Economic Emergency Response and Recovery Plan. The event brought together elected officials, provincial staff, local businesses, and non-profit organizations, helping strengthen relationships and foster further collaboration in support of local economic recovery.
- **Direct Engagement with Residents:** In addition to broader engagement efforts, we continued to connect directly with residents, including those who participated in the Argenta session. These conversations help guide and validate our recovery actions and priorities.

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## Looking Ahead

We are grateful to all community members, organizations, and partners who continue to participate in recovery efforts. The progress made this month would not have been possible without your support and collaboration.

As always, we will continue to provide monthly updates on our work until our work here is through. These updates, along with other recovery resources, are available on our website at [RDCK Emergency Management – Community Recovery Resources](#).

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