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Area D Community Planning Conversations

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is inviting residents of Electoral Area D to participate in a series of community planning conversations this summer as part of the **Area D Community Planning Project**.

Building on work completed in 2021, this project is an opportunity for community land use discussions between the RDCK and Area D Community members - to learn about different planning tools and to listen to the community's needs regarding land use. With community direction, the RDCK planning department can work towards updating the [Area D Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw](#) focusing on updating and expanding planning tools such as zoning to additional communities that want them.

"Since Area D's last community planning process in 2016, real change has been noted including new growth and development and land use concerns such as incompatible land uses, housing challenges, water constraints, and environmental damage," said Aimee Watson, RDCK Electoral Area D Director. "With communities expressing increasing pressures, this is a good time to ask if zoning is a tool communities would like or not."

The RDCK is committed to a community-driven process. In person engagement activities are planned during July and August 2026 including community pop up conversations and open houses throughout Area D.

If you would like more information on this initiative and how you can provide your input or attend events, please visit our engagement page at <https://engage.rdck.ca/projects/area-d-planning/> or contact the RDCK planning department. [Click here](#) to watch a video on what zoning is and how it impacts your community.

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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