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Emergency Operations Centre Equipment and Training Grant

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) and the District of Lantzville have been awarded a \$80,000 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund grant from the Government of British Columbia emergency operations centre (EOC) staff training and the purchase of EOC equipment. This joint grant with the District of Lantzville enables the RDN and the District to stay up to date with emergency management best practices and further strengthen resilience within our communities.

Staff training and EOC scenario exercises will be designed to strengthen response and recovery during emergency events. The exercises will be tailored to hazards identified in the RDN Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessment and will provide real scenario context for a comprehensive training experience. Emergency management staff at the District of Lantzville, City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach, City of Nanaimo, Snuneymuxw First Nation, Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and Qualicum First Nation will be invited to participate. This collaborative, multi-jurisdictional training will help improve resiliency with our neighboring communities.

The EOC supplies and equipment that will be purchased with the grant funds will maintain and improve both the RDN's and the District of Lantzville's EOC operational capacity. Items will include emergency food and water, rolling white boards, EOC materials and rapid damage assessment field kits.

For information about emergency services delivered by the RDN, which includes emergency services support for the District of Lantzville, visit rdn.bc.ca/emergency-services. To read the RDN Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessment, visit rdn.bc.ca/hazard-risk-and-vulnerability-analysis-hrva.

Quotes

"Emergency preparedness is extremely important for an effective response to emergencies and disasters in our region. The RDN is grateful for the funding from the Government of British Columbia which will help the region be more resilient to hazards. We look forward to working with our partners in using this training and equipment to the benefit of the residents in our region."

Vaness Craig, Chair, Regional District of Nanaimo

The District of Lantzville values the services provided by the Regional District of Nanaimo through our contract for Emergency Services. The securing of this grant funding on our behalf enables enhancement of our overall emergency programs throughout the Region. The opportunities for training are critical to ensure all parties are well prepared and coordinated with each other in the event of an emergency.

Mark Swain, Mayor, District of Lantzville

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