

THE REGIONAL REPORT

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Providing a quarterly update on the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George's programs, initiatives and events

RDFFG co-hosting NESST Conference

From April 12 to 14, 2019 the RDFFG is excited to co-host the 7th annual Northern Emergency Support Services Training Conference (NESST) with the City of Prince George. It is the only conference of its kind across Canada, bringing together Emergency/Evacuee Support Services (ESS) Volunteers for training and networking.

2017 and 2018 were challenging years in BC with devastating floods and wildfires and ESS Volunteers played a critical role, assisting evacuees with basic necessities and enhancing their personal resiliency. Due to northern BC's large geographic size and low population, resources and training opportunities are limited. NESST aims to address this with access to training and mutual aid, increasing emergency response capabilities.

The first NESST Conference hosted 50 participants in 2013 and it has grown steadily, demonstrating the need for training ESS volunteers. Close to 250 participants are anticipated this year.

Interested in attending NESST?

Registration for this event is available online at rdbn.bc.ca



Getting rid of old appliances THE RIGHT WAY

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has partnered with the Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable to alleviate tipping fees and recycle all major appliances free of charge.

The program just launched in January and there has been a marked increase in the number of appliances with Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS), like fridges and freezers, being returned to the following designated locations:

- Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill
- Mackenzie Regional Landfill
- Bear Lake Regional Transfer Station
- McBride Regional Transfer Station
- Valemount Regional Transfer Station
- Hixon Regional Transfer Station

Large appliance not containing ODS can be returned for recycling anywhere scrap metal is accepted.

For more information visit sortsmart.ca



COMMUNITY SERVICES Workshop for Non-Profit Groups

The RDFFG's Community Services will host its annual workshop for local non-profit community groups on April 27, 2019.

The workshop features a variety of topics relevant to non-profits, including the always popular think tank session where common issues and solutions are discussed, and there is a chance to network.

Watch for invitations being sent out soon or for more information, contact Cindy Paton at cpaton@rdffg.bc.ca



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Love Food, Hate Waste?

Wasted food fills up landfills and costs money - each year the average Canadian household wastes 140 kg of food adding up to a cost of more than \$1,100. To try to combat this, a new campaign, Love Food Hate Waste Canada, is being launched nationally.

First founded in the UK as a reduction effort, this program has inspired and empowered residents there to reduce their amount of avoidable household food waste by 21% within its first five years.

Making a few small changes like storing food properly, using the food we buy, and planning it out to buy only what we need, can help reduce food waste significantly.

For more helpful tips and program information visit sortsmart.ca or lovefoodhatewaste.ca



Store food properly so it stays fresh longer



Use more of what you buy



Buy just what you need

Investing in PUBLIC SAFETY

The RDFFG Board is considering an investment in its 9-1-1 service. A new \$3.3 million strategy, presented in January, looks to ensure that over the next five years the system has increased operational resiliency and continuity, and is positioned for future growth.

The RDFFG provides 9-1-1 services to more than 79 agencies across the province, including Cariboo Regional District, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Regional District of Central Kootenays and Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine, a service area that covers 241,111 km².

Fraser-Fort George ENDOWMENT FUND

The Fraser-Fort George Endowment Fund is now accepting applications for the 2019 intake. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available from each of the following Community Endowment Funds:

- Salmon River-Lakes
- Chilako River-Nechako
- Hixon-Woodpecker
- Willow River-Upper Fraser
- Crooked River-Parsnip

Organizations within these Electoral Areas looking to fund to projects to enhance their area's quality of life are encouraged to apply.



The deadline for submitting applications is March 4, 2019. More information, grant guidelines and application forms are available online at rdffg.bc.ca, or by calling 250.960.4441

ABOUT RDFFG

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is home to over 93,000 residents and covers 52,000 km² in central BC, extending from the Pine Pass in the north to Hixon in the south, and from Bednesti Lake west of Prince George to the Alberta border.

As a local government, the RDFFG is accountable to the residents of the region. Services provided include fire protection, 911 emergency services, solid waste management, community sewer and water systems, land use planning, cultural and recreational services and parks. Total operating expenditures in 2017 were \$36.65 million.

The governing board of the Regional District has 14 directors: four appointed by the City of Prince George from its council, one appointed by each of the councils of the District of Mackenzie, Village of McBride and and Village of Valemount, and seven directors elected from within each of the seven electoral areas covering the unincorporated portions of the Regional District.

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