



# **Southeastern British Columbia Regional Connectivity Committee**

Presented by: **Rob Gay, Committee Chair**

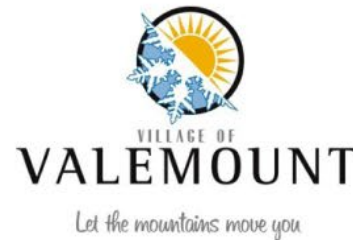
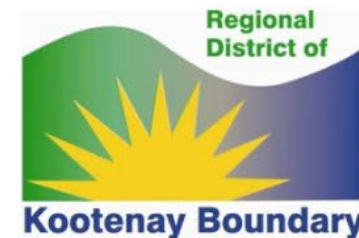
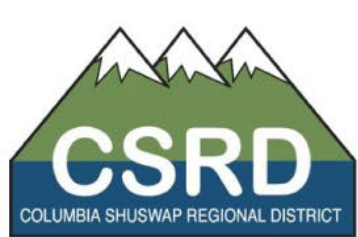
Board Chair & Director Electoral Area C, Regional District of East Kootenay

# Who is the SE BC RCC?

- Local governments and First Nations in Southeastern BC

Members	Ex-Officio Members
Regional District of Central Kootenay	Columbia Basin Trust
Regional District of East Kootenay	Province of BC
Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	
Regional District of Columbia Shuswap	
Village of Valemount	
Ktunaxa Nation Council	

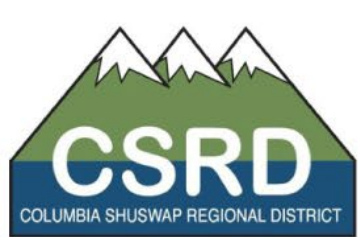
- Working together to address high speed connectivity & mobility access challenges since 2013



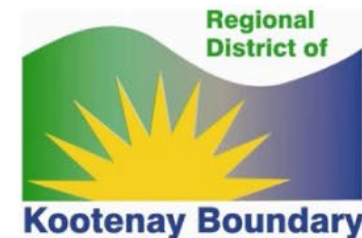
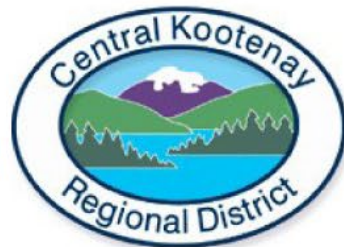
**Mission:** *The Regional Connectivity Committee is a united voice to advocate for all our constituents through leadership, knowledge sharing, and a common understanding of the current and future needs of high-speed broadband Internet services in the region.*

**Vision:** *Equitable, affordable high-speed broadband Internet and mobility services throughout the region, ensuring rural and municipal economic development and sustainable, healthy communities.*

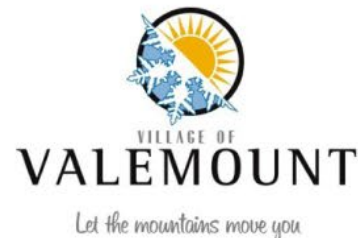
## Strategic Plan 2022-2025



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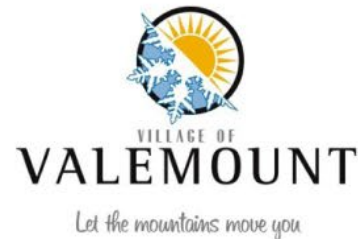
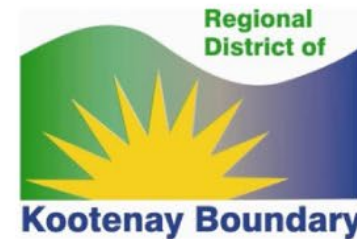
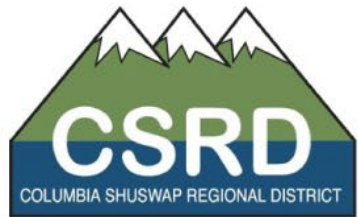
Columbia Basin **trust**



# Targeted Outcomes



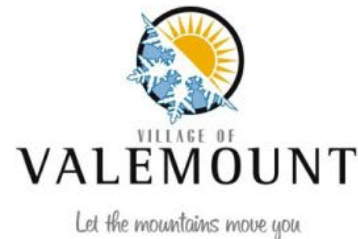
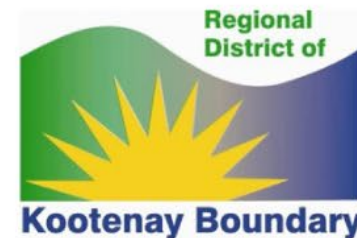
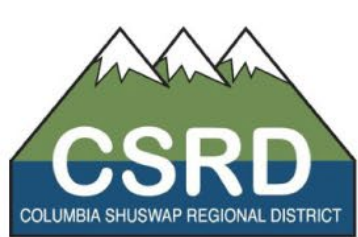
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# Barriers to Connectivity – Regulatory Challenges

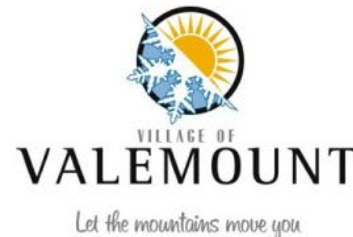
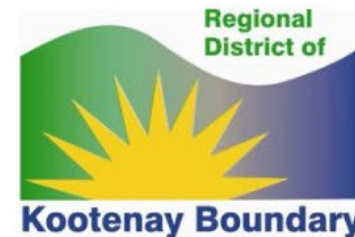
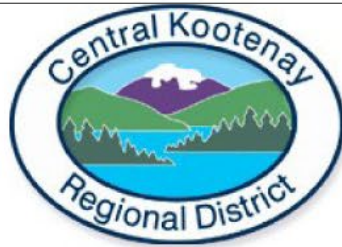
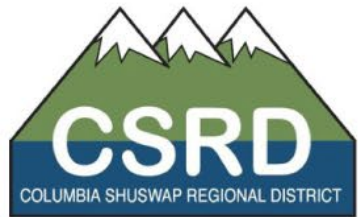
## Examples

- Access to Passive Infrastructure (e.g. Poles, Railways, Roads, etc.)
  - Costly
  - Delays with permitting
  - Creates uncertainty for project completion
- Infrastructure and Service Sustainability
  - Property Taxation – Adds to Operating Costs in rural markets where there is very limited return on infrastructure deployment
- RCC acts as advocate on these and other topics



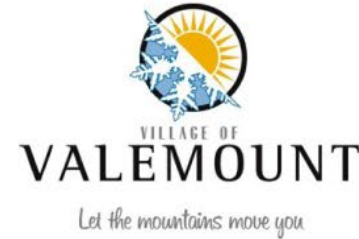
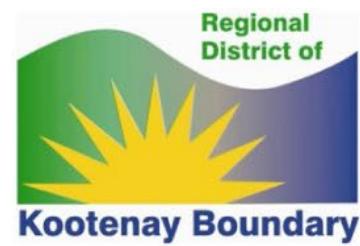
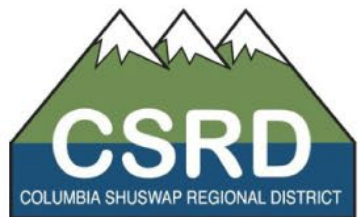
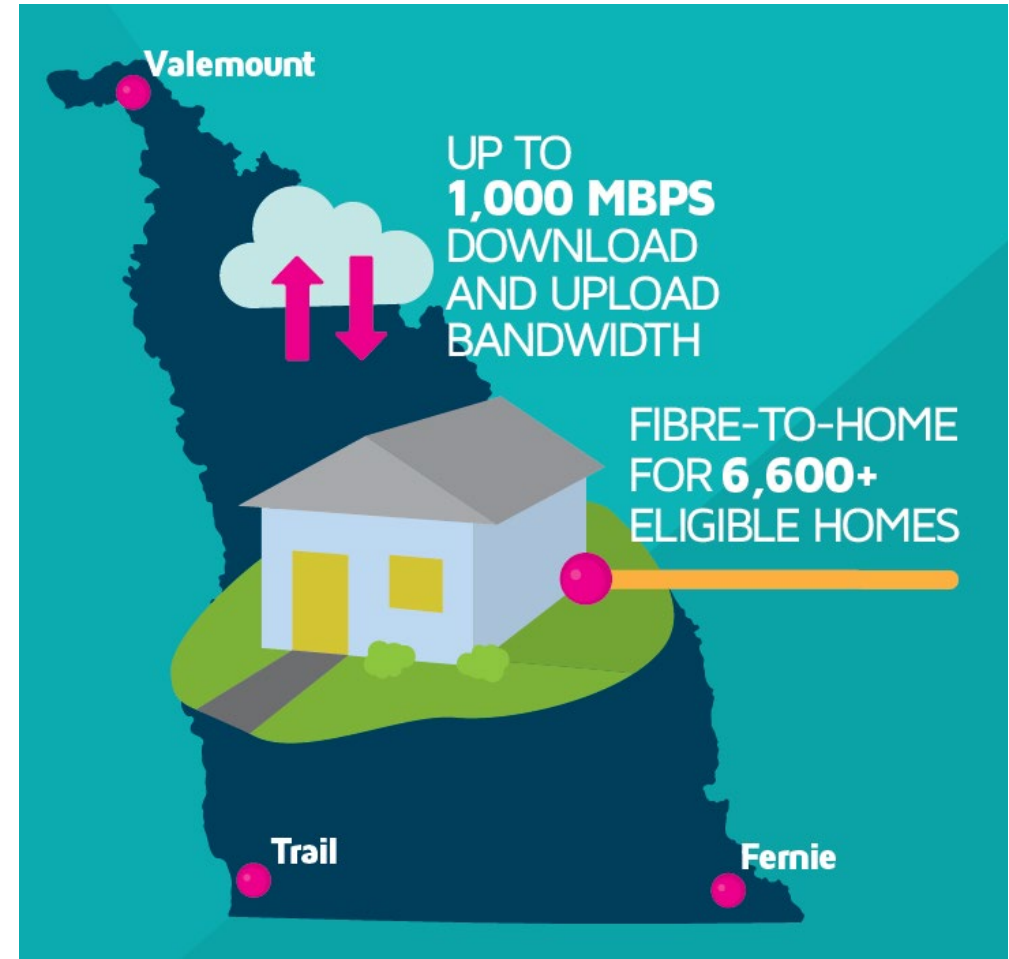
# Active Projects in the Basin – Supported by the RCC

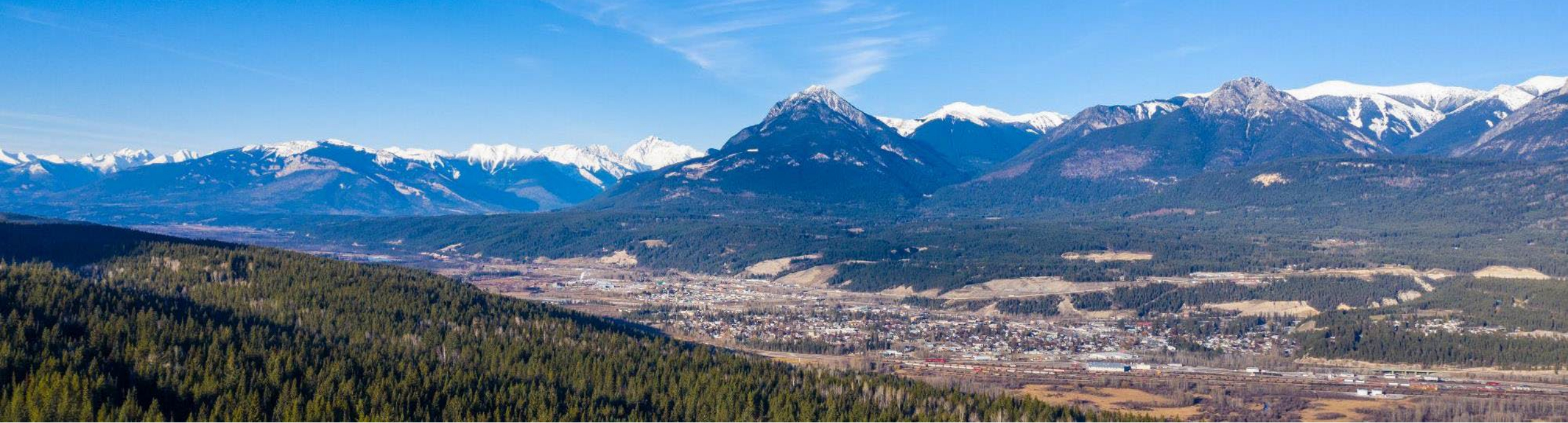
Connecting BC	
<b>Slocan Valley Fibre Project</b>	<b>South Country Fibre Project</b>
Budget: \$8 Million 175km of fibre optic backbone 5 New Points of Presence Target Completion: March 2023	Budget: \$3.2 Million 50km of fibre optic backbone 2 New Points of Presence Target Completion: March 2023
CRTC Broadband Program	
<b>Fruitvale to Nelson Fibre Project</b>	<b>Kimberley to Wasa Fibre Project</b>
Budget: \$4.8 Million 105km of fibre optic backbone 4 New Points of Presence Target Completion: February 2024	Budget: \$2.7 Million 30km of fibre optic backbone 2 New Points of Presence Target Completion: March 2024



# Universal Broadband Fund Application

- Access to affordable, high-speed internet that exceeds the USO (50/10 Mbps)
- Facilitates participation in the digital economy and drives economic growth
- Partnerships established with support for this application
- 60+ letters of support from local governments, ISPs, education institutions, and social, economic and First Nations organizations
- **Open Access Network** – enables community vibrancy, prosperity, health and education initiatives, quality of life and equality for all





# Thank You

