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**SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT RECEIVES BC HYDRO FUNDING
FOR SLRD ALERT SERVICE:**

***Free registration for emergency notification service offered to all electoral area residents
at www.slrd.bc.ca/SLRDAlert***

Pemberton, BC – The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) has received a \$5,000 grant from BC Hydro to support the launch of its new emergency notification network, SLRD Alert.

SLRD Alert enables the regional district to communicate timely and relevant information directly to residents in the event of an emergency. This new notification service is powered by the ePACT Network, which allows residents to receive emergency news and important updates directly from the SLRD's Emergency Manager via telephone, text (SMS) or email.

"The SLRD Alert service is a new and innovative tool that will help improve the SLRD's ability to provide timely communications to residents across the region," says Ryan Wainwright, SLRD Emergency Program Manager, "We're pleased to work collaboratively with BC Hydro on the launch of this important initiative."

The SLRD Alert service strengthens communications during emergency events whenever there is a heightened threat from a natural hazard. The most common natural hazards facing residents of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District are forest fires, floods, debris flows and landslides, extreme weather, earthquakes and avalanches.

"With a significant presence throughout the SLRD, we are proud to support this important public safety initiative," said Mark Poweska, Senior Vice-President of Generation, BC Hydro. "Not only will this new notification system allow the SLRD to relay water flow information downstream of our Cheakamus and Bridge River facilities, SLRD Alert will provide BC Hydro employees with access to real-time emergency notifications while working across the region."

Residents of any of the 31 communities within the SLRD's four electoral areas, can register or learn more at www.slrd.bc.ca/SLRDAlert.

SLRD residents and businesses are also encouraged to follow the SLRD's two Twitter feeds: @SLRD_BC and @SLRD_Emergency.

About the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Located in southwestern BC, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is a local government federation consisting of four member municipalities (the District of Lillooet, the District of Squamish, the Village of Pemberton and the Resort Municipality of Whistler) and four unincorporated, rural electoral areas (A, B, C, and D). Headquartered in Pemberton, which is the approximate geographic centre of the region, the SLRD delivers a wide range of local, regional and sub-regional services to approximately 38,000 residents.

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