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# Electoral Area C projects delivered by the SLRD improve services and safety Projects funded through Community Works Fund

**Pemberton, BC –** Projects recently completed in Electoral Area C of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District are improving service and safety in the community.

Approved by the SLRD Board, the projects, totaling \$300,000, were funded entirely through Electoral Area C Community Works Funds, at no cost to local area residents.

The Devine water system project (\$30,000), included the installation of a propane generator with an automatic on/off switch which will provide for continuation of services during power outages, ensuring safe drinking water and reducing operator time. These funds were also used to replace the end-of-life reservoir solar power system for the water reservoir control panel. This project was completed in January 2025.

The Collins Road water main replacement project (\$270,000) was completed in late 2024, providing greater fire flow capacity and fire flow protection through increased diameter pipe and additional fire hydrants, improving water service and safety for properties on the west side of Collins Road

The project was awarded to Casey Jackson Heavy Equipment Services Ltd. and involved upgrading the water main and installing two fire hydrants on the west side of Collins Road. The project started in September 2024 and was completed in November 2024.

"We are grateful for these funds that are available for projects like the Collins Road water main project and the Devine water system project that improve safety and services for our communities," said SLRD Board Chair, Jen Ford.

The <u>Community Works Fund</u> is delivered to all local governments in British Columbia through a direct annual allocation to support local priorities. CWF is based on a per capita formula with a funding floor, and is delivered twice annually.

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### **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 50,496 residents (2021 Census as certified by the Minister of Municipal Affairs).

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District is found within the traditional territories of several First Nations, including the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), St'át'imc and Lílwat. Small parts of the SLRD also overlap with the traditional territories of the Stó:lō, Tsleil-Waututh, Nlaka'pamux, Tsilhqot'in, and Secwepemc Nations. While the SLRD does not provide direct services to the residents of the First Nations communities located within the region, the organization is committed to enhancing relations with the Indigenous communities and First Nations within whose territories the SLRD operates.

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