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REGIONAL DISTRICT LAUNCHES NEW SYSTEM TO STREAMLINE AND IMPROVE BUILDING DEPARTMENT PROCESS

Applications can now be submitted online

Pemberton, BC – The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) building permit and inspection process is going online.

The SLRD Building department is pleased to announce a new online system to improve the process for submitting building permit applications and building inspection requests. The SLRD has launched its online permitting system using Cloudpermit, a cloud-based electronic permitting software solution widely used by various levels of government in B.C, and around the world.

The implementation of an online permitting platform improves service for the public, by providing a user-friendly system that simplifies the process for submitting building permit applications and inspection requests. Cloudpermit allows users to:

- Create a permit profile;
- Store all records digitally and in one place;
- Track and monitor permit status online;
- Access interactive maps;
- Request and see the results of inspections;
- Pay for related fees online.
- Contact the SLRD's Building department via the online text and chat system.

“As we head into the busy building season, we’re extremely pleased to have this new system in place for the public,” said Russell Mack, Chair of the Electoral Area Directors (EAD) Committee, and Electoral Area C Director. “The SLRD’s building permit and inspection process is now at your fingertips, making it easier than ever to access.”

The SLRD Building department is responsible for processing building permit applications for all four Electoral Areas (Electoral Area A, Electoral Area B, Electoral Area C and Electoral Area D) of the Regional District, and also provides building inspection services to property owners in those areas. In 2022, the SLRD received 92 building permit applications and issued 103 building permits.

In addition to improving the public process, the online system improves efficiencies for the department, by streamlining the approvals process, and providing staff with greater flexibility to access and review projects remotely.

“We heard from the community that they wanted a digital option for this process. Adding new tools like the online permitting system not only improves access for everyone, but also helps us to meet the

future needs of the community,” said Jay McEwen, SLRD Building Official. “We encourage people to visit the SLRD website to find out more about the online system, and we thank everyone for their patience throughout this process.”

Find out more about the Cloudpermit system on the SLRD website: www.slrd.bc.ca/building-permits

While property owners are encouraged to use the online system, for those not able to submit their requests online, paper forms are available, and can also be accessed on the SLRD website: www.slrd.bc.ca/buildingforms-information

Members of the public with questions about building permitting and inspection services in the SLRD can email: bldgofficial@slrd.bc.ca

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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 Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), St'át'imc and Lil'wat. 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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