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SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT TO RECEIVE \$1.84 MILLION IN GAS TAX FUNDING FOR REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS:

Projects to include trail development and infrastructure upgrades throughout the region

Pemberton, BC – Nine projects put forward by the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) for funding under the Regionally Significant Project (RSP) Fund have been approved for federal Gas Tax funding by the Gas Tax Management Committee, composed of representatives from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), Infrastructure Canada, and the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. The SLRD will receive \$1,840,362 for regionally significant projects, which are defined as projects that lead to “reduced greenhouse gas emissions, cleaner air or cleaner water” as well as being large in scale or regional in impact.

The funding will be allocated to nine projects throughout the Regional District, as noted below:

- \$369,000 - Friendship Trail/Multi-Use Bridge, Area C / Village of Pemberton / Mt. Currie
- \$160,000 - Sea to Sky Trail (Wedgewoods), Area C / Resort Municipality of Whistler
- \$418,000 - Corridor Trail, District of Squamish
- \$178,000 - Water System Cross Connection Control, Resort Municipality of Whistler
- \$80,000 - Cheakamus River Environmental Monitoring, Resort Municipality of Whistler
- \$49,000 - Furry Creek Well Upgrades, Area D
- \$45,000 - Gold Bridge Well Upgrades, Area A
- \$300,000 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, District of Lillooet
- \$241,362 - Town Creek Storm Drainage Project, District of Lillooet

The final list of projects was the result of the collaborative efforts of the SLRD and its four member municipalities: the District of Lillooet, the District of Squamish, the Village of Pemberton and the Resort Municipality of Whistler. The projects were chosen based on a set of criteria that included considerations such as community need, regional relationship building opportunities, economic development potential, and strategic alignment with the Regional Growth Strategy.

“This funding will assist us in improving water, wastewater and solid waste infrastructure, and it will also allow us to enhance the sustainable transportation options available within the region,” says Susie Gimse, SLRD Board Chair. “We feel that these projects are essential to the health and quality of life of our residents and the environment, and we’re delighted that the Gas Tax Management Committee has endorsed our recommendations.”

Canada's Gas Tax Fund provides stable, long-term funding to local governments to help them build and revitalize public infrastructure. The UBCM administers the Gas Tax Fund in BC, in collaboration with the governments of Canada and British Columbia.

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