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Strathcona Regional District and CityWest launch Connected Coast website

Campbell River – The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) and CityWest have launched the Connected Coast website at www.ConnectedCoast.ca. The site provides the most up-to-date project information, as well as links to the project funding partners and allows anyone to sign up for instant project updates.

“We officially launched the website this week at the BC Broadband Conference and we are excited to be able to start sharing more project information,” says Victoria Smith, Manager of Strategic Initiatives at the SRD. “The Connected Coast project is an amazing opportunity for coastal BC residents and will change the way rural and remote communities are able to live and communicate with the world. This website will now serve as an important tool to share information about the project.”

The SRD is working on this project together with CityWest, who have been providing internet services to rural and remote communities in northern BC and have years of experience in providing reliable, high-speed access to the internet.

“We are excited to partner with the SRD on this project which has two key benefits for us. The first is providing additional routing opportunities should service on one line be disrupted. The second is that it allows us to provide service to more communities who currently have no access,” says Donovan Dias, Vice President of Sales & Project Management at CityWest. “We hope that area residents visit the new website, get engaged and let us know your thoughts.”

The Connected Coast project will see the placement of over 3,400 km of subsea, high-speed fibre-optic cable from north of Prince Rupert, to Haida Gwaii, south along the coast to the Vancouver terminal, then around Vancouver Island. It will provide the ability for up to 154 communities, including 56 First Nations communities, to connect to high-speed internet.

The SRD is a partnership of four electoral areas and five municipalities providing approximately 43,000 residents with 55 services including a full-service sports complex, parks, liquid and solid waste systems, fire protection and emergency preparedness programs. For more information on the SRD, please visit www.srd.ca.

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