



REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY KNOWLEDGE NETWORK

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TODAY'S OVERVIEW

- How did the RCKN get started?
- How does it work?
- Where could we go from here?

WHERE DID THE IDEA COME FROM?

CRD is preparing a *Connectivity Strategy* i.e. Cellular & Broadband.

- Where can we find out what other RDs in BC are doing?
- How is that working for them?
- How are they resourcing their work?



Conversations with other RDs in the Interior and North and staff at Connected Communities led to establishing a knowledge hub.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

PURPOSE AND GOALS

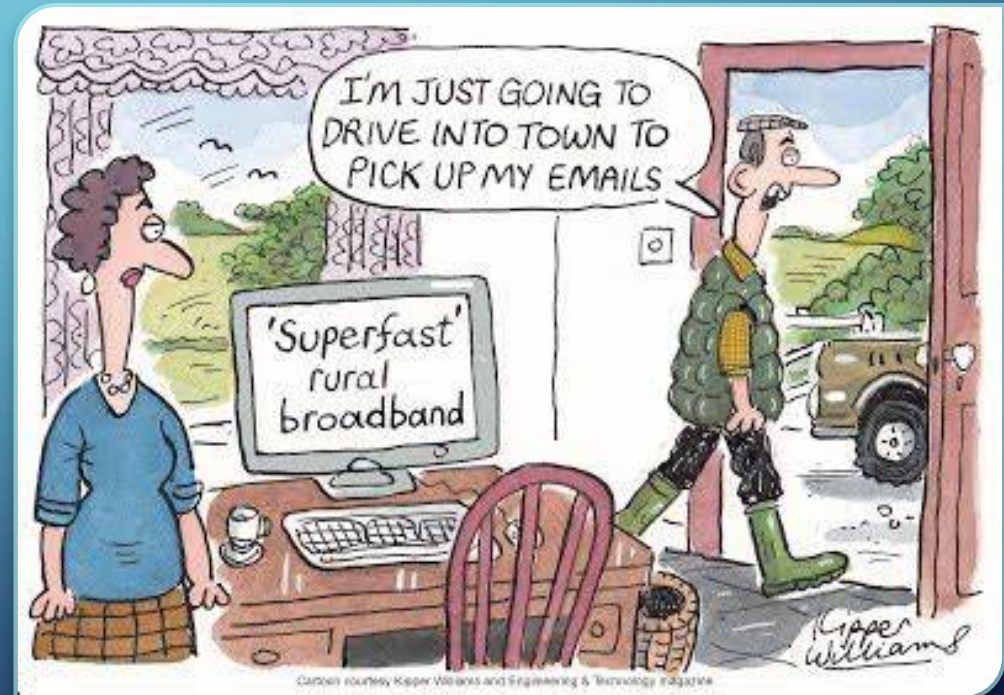
Activities

Invite subject experts to present on topics of interest

Building Relationships

Seek opportunities to create collaborations on specific areas of mutual interest; explore collaborations within and across regions

The RCKN will advance sustainable connectivity in rural BC by building capacity through peer-to-peer knowledge sharing, mentoring, relationship building and collaboration



HOW DOES IT WORK?

GOVERNANCE

- RCKN is self-organizing and self-directed, with no official authority, responsibility or funding
- Microsoft Teams platform and SharePoint for sharing documents, presentations and discussion recordings – provided by the Province
- Sessions about once a month, date selected by participants via Doodle



HOW DOES IT WORK?

PARTICIPATION:

- ...is voluntary
- Is open to any interested indigenous or BC local government
- Includes elected officials and/or designated staff
- Chaired by Maureen LeBourdais, Cariboo Regional District
- Connected Communities and UBCM staff provide technical support
- Laurie Anne Rodenberg, UBCM, participates and reports back to the UBCM Executive





WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Currently participation is growing:

- What are future learning needs and community examples to share?
- As more local governments move to implementation of their connectivity planning, could RCKN collectively explore collaboration on implementation?

RCKN will continue until a lack of participations deems it unnecessary

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