



# Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Staff, Trail & Grand Forks  
**FROM:** Gerry Gardner, Director of Finance  
**DATE:** September 21, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** Regional District Woodstove Exchange Program

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### MESSAGE:

This memo is to provide you with information about the Regional District Woodstove Exchange Program. The Board authorized the implementation of a Woodstove Exchange Program at the June 24, 2009 Regular Board Meeting. The Woodstove Exchange Program is a region wide program with the goal of assisting all residents of the RDKB to upgrade their wood burning appliances to modern efficient equipment. The Program is taking over and expanding the Grand Forks/Boundary Exchange Program that has been running since March, 2008.

The RD Woodstove Exchange Program's coordinator is Mr. John Vere. His contact numbers are:

- East End of KBRD 1-866-992-9663 (1-866-992-WOOD)
- Boundary area of KBRD 1-250-442-3856
- Email: [johnvere@telus.net](mailto:johnvere@telus.net)

*All quires about the program from the public should be directed to John Vere*

The Program is a B.C. Lung program that offers an incentive of \$250.00 to homeowners. Retailers may also offer discounts and participating Financial Institutions may offer low-interest loans. Some of the Regional District Electoral Areas and Municipalities have agreed to provide an additional incentive to "top-up" the B.C. Lung grant.

Area 'A'	\$100.00	Area 'B'	\$250.00	Area 'C'	\$ ??
Area 'D'	\$ ??	Area 'E'	\$250.00		
Fruitvale	\$100.00	Montrose	\$100.00		

Mr. Vere is in the process of contacting all Municipalities and Electoral Areas as additional areas are expected to "top-up" the BC Lung Grant.

I have attached some FAQ from the Province's website that provides additional information on the program.

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#### Provincial Wood Stove Exchange Program

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##### **Are all residents in B.C. eligible to participate in the program?**

The program is community-based, meaning interested communities with woodstove related air-quality issues will receive funding and resources to establish and run an exchange program. Individuals living in communities that are not running an exchange program may be eligible for [LiveSmart BC grants](#), and industry discounts during March and April.

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##### **What incentives will be available from the province?**

Incentives from the province can be up to \$250 for upgrading to a more efficient appliance. Additional incentives from local government and from retailer/supplier price discounts are likely to range from between \$100 to \$500. Provincial funding will contribute to incentives coming from multiple partners, including:

- Retailer/supplier price discounts (appliances range in price from \$700-\$3000)
- Local government contributions (bylaws, cash contributions to rebate amounts, permit fee waivers)
- Financing options from local credit unions
- Local non-profit group cash incentives (funded by MoE grants)

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### **What contributions are expected from municipalities and regional districts?**

This will be dependent on individual municipalities. In the Skeena region, communities contributed between \$7,000 and \$15,000 to offer their residents extra incentives. In addition, permit fees for installation of new appliances were waived, and additional incentives were established in the form of bylaws requiring mandatory removal of old woodstoves.

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### **Do you have to replace an old wood stove with a new woodstove?**

No, rebates and incentives can apply towards the purchase of any new EPA emissions certified domestic solid fuel burning device, or high efficiency appliance, including gas, propane, pellet or electric stoves.

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### **How realistic is the goal of exchanging 50,000 old woodstoves?**

The goal of 50,000 old wood stoves being removed is a provincial target and does not have any target date attached to it. Participating communities will come up with a realistic goal for their exchange program based on the number of old wood stoves in their community.

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### **How soon will the exchange program be available in my community?**

In 2008, six new community programs were offered and over 600 stoves were exchanged. In 2009, there are currently 17 participating community programs with a goal of exchanging over 1300 stoves. A call for proposals will be released in late May/early June for communities wishing to participate in 2009/10. Proposals will be due in July. Those communities that have identified a need for wood stove fine particulate emissions reductions in their airshed plans, and those communities willing to champion the exchange program will be given priority for funding.

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### **Who are the partners?**

Partners include the Hearth Patio Barbeque Association of Western Canada, Wood Energy Technicians B.C., BC Lung, Environment Canada, and community groups. Additional partnerships will be sought at the local level, similar to the Skeena pilot, and may include municipalities and regional districts, credit unions, insurance brokers, and health officials/authorities.

**What are the results of the pilot and how does the pilot influence the provincial program?**

As of March 2009, nearly 400 old woodstoves have been exchanged. This means that over 30 tonnes per year of fine particulate emissions have been reduced. Three communities and one regional district have committed to offer additional financial incentives for their residents. Wood stove bylaws have been adopted by three communities. The results of an evaluation done on the pilot indicate that most people support the wood stove exchange program, and that community outreach greatly increased the success of the pilot. The provincial program has been implemented using proven techniques and lessons learned from the pilot program.

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