



Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee Guiding Principles

- ✓ Connectivity is essential to strengthen the social, economic, ecological and cultural resilience within the region.
- ✓ Connectivity and technology shape residents' choices, behaviours, and needs.
- ✓ Connectivity is pertinent to all regional district planning and decision-making.
- ✓ The Regional District has a role in ensuring residents have access to high-speed Broadband Internet.
- ✓ The Regional District views Broadband infrastructure as essential infrastructure.
- ✓ The nature and expense of connectivity deployment requires a forward-looking vision to maximize potential and coordinate efforts within the regional district.
- ✓ Convergence of public and private infrastructure where it benefits the public and protects public interests is good public policy.
- ✓ Access to Broadband Internet and Infrastructure must be leveraged through Official Community Plans, regional growth planning, and spatial planning (i.e. land use bylaws, subdivision bylaws) to maximize potential within the region.
- ✓ An understanding of the true drivers and needs for connectivity will inform decisions.
- ✓ Leveraging one infrastructure to advance another (i.e. dig once policies) is in the public interest.
- ✓ Access to Broadband Internet and infrastructure allows the regional district to retain and grow businesses, create and retain skilled workers, and re-invigorate communities.
- ✓ Broadband Redundancy is essential to protect Internet, telephone, cellular, and essential government services throughout the region in the event of damage to Broadband Infrastructure at any time.