



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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Tabor Lake-Stone Creek
Willow River-Upper Fraser
Woodpecker-Hixon

Mayor and Council
District of Mackenzie
1 Mackenzie Blvd
Mackenzie BC V0J 2C0

April 1, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Next Generation 911 Funding Program

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is looking to partner with the District of Mackenzie to fund a regional NextGen 911 (NG911) Civic Addressing project in whole or in part by applying for a grant through UBCM's Next Generation 911 Funding Program.

The Regional District is proposing to do all the grant related work (preparation, submission, progress reporting, final reporting and cost tracking). With the funding available to the region, there could be a maximum of \$400,000 available in grant funds for this project.

The Regional District has developed an in-house Land Management Tool (HUB Online) that we distribute to our partners across the north via cloud technology.

We propose to develop a workflow within this system to create and edit civic addresses. The process will be fully GIS capable and will also allow your municipality and the Regional District to digitally submit addresses to the primary GIS data aggregator and other stakeholders.

The workflow will perform quality assurance checks on the data to ensure it meets the NG 9-1-1 Data standards set by the CRTC. This system will be accessible to member municipalities on-line and hosted by the Regional District on their technology infrastructure.

By participating in this regional project, each municipality will gain access to technology that would otherwise be cost prohibitive yet the requirement to submit NG911 ready addressing would still exist.

Grant Background:

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has directed that all telecommunications providers migrate to NG911 services to provide improved emergency services using world-class telecommunications networks.

E-Comm, as the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for 99% of 911 calls in British Columbia, has initiated a NG911 program team dedicated to the implementation of NG911 for the 25 regional districts and contracted public safety partners currently served by their emergency communications centres. The Province of BC provided \$90 million to E-Comm to assist with NG911 implementation costs on behalf of the agencies E-Comm provides 911 call-taking and/or dispatching services for.

The intent of the NG911 program is to support local preparedness for the implementation of NG911 and to provide funding to eligible applicants to support the transition and operational readiness of existing 911 services to NG911, in compliance with the CRTC mandate.



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Grant Requirements for Regional Projects:

Funding requests from two or more eligible applicants for regional projects may be submitted as a single application for eligible, collaborative projects. In this case, the maximum funding available would be based on the number of eligible applicants included in the application. It is expected that regional projects will demonstrate cost-efficiencies in the total grant request. The primary applicant submitting the application for a regional project is required to submit a resolution as well as

each sub-applicant is required to submit a resolution that clearly states their approval for the primary applicant to apply for, receive, and manage the grant funding on their behalf.

Should your organization wish to participate in the project the following resolution is required by the Regional District by April 30, 2025.

THAT Council approves the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George to act as the primary applicant to apply for, receive and manage UBCM Next Generation 911 Application-Based funding of up to \$100,000 on behalf of the District of Mackenzie in support of a NextGen 911 Civic Addressing regional project application.

I am happy to meet with you should you wish to discuss further.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure: Next General 911 – 2025 Program and Application Guide