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ePACT Brings Resident Emergency Notifications to the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Vancouver, British Columbia – ePACT is proud to support the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) with their emergency network program called SLRD Alert, a crucial service for residents to receive news and updates on local emergencies.

Using ePACT, SLRD residents can connect and securely share their contact information directly with the SLRD, ensuring they receive timely emergency notifications via telephone, text (SMS) or email. In the event of severe weather, wildfire, floods, unexpected road closures or other impactful events, the district's Emergency Management Team can use ePACT to send notifications to the specific areas that are affected.

Just days ago, a state of local emergency was declared in the SLRD when a series of landslides impacted Electoral Area C, north of Pemberton. An evacuation order was issued, roads were closed, and 250 residents were left without power in the area. To improve safety for the entire community, the SLRD will use ePACT to communicate evacuation orders and other key information in the event of a disaster like these landslides.

Beyond alerts, ePACT was chosen by the SLRD because of the network's unique ability to enhance emergency preparedness and response for the Emergency Management Team, residents, and the community as a whole. With ePACT, residents can share details such as their access to a vehicle or whether someone in their household has a disability – critical information the SLRD Emergency Management Team can incorporate into their response plans. SLRD residents can also use their free ePACT account to improve their own level of preparedness by connecting with other organizations, friends and relatives who support them, and accessing communication tools in a crisis.

Recognizing the value of an emergency network in the area, BC Hydro has provided a grant to support the SLRD Alert initiative. On why BC Hydro chose to fund the project, Mark Poweska, Senior Vice-President of Generation at BC Hydro, says "Not only will this new notification system allow the SLRD to relay water flow information downstream of our Cheakamus and Bridge River facilities, SLRD Alert will provide BC Hydro employees with access to real-time emergency notifications while working across the region."

The SLRD encourages all residents to register for the free SLRD Alert service at <http://www.slrld.bc.ca/services/emergency-management/slrld-alert-sign>, and to use their ePACT account to prepare for unexpected situations, like the recent wildfires and wind storm in BC. As Area A, Director and Chair of the SLRD's Electoral Area Directors Committee, Debbie Demare, explains "The SLRD Alert service is a tool our residents can rely on for accurate and timely emergency information. We hope people will take advantage of this free service so they can be more empowered to take action to protect themselves, their families and properties in emergency situations."

About ePACT Network Ltd.

ePACT is changing the way the world prepares for life's emergencies. As your emergency network, ePACT better connects and protects your family, organization and community through any crisis. ePACT Network Ltd. is based in North Vancouver, British Columbia. The company was founded by Christine Sommers and Kirsten Koppang Telford in 2012 after speaking with survivors of the 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami. The ePACT team is made up award-winning entrepreneurs, technologists and usability experts, committed to helping North American communities better manage any crisis.

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