



January 18, 2021

Webinar of the Week

Spring Activator is offering a digital growth bootcamp January 20th. [Register here.](#)

Funding for Businesses

Northern Development Initiative Trust offers three main funding streams for businesses in Northern BC. If you're looking for support with a new project, check here for funding first.

The [Competitiveness Consulting Rebate](#) offers a rebate to small and medium sized businesses engaged in manufacturing, innovative tech, resource processing, transportation, and distribution (as well as their first line suppliers) of 50% (up to \$30,000) for projects that increase productivity or result in new revenues, profitability, and/or job creation.

The [Small Business Recovery Consulting Rebate](#) offers a rebate of 85% (up to \$25,000) to small and medium-sized businesses for consulting projects designed to sustain businesses through the current economic uncertainty.

The [Northern Industries Innovation Fund](#) supports projects that increase the competitiveness of local businesses through research and development, new/improved products or services, and testing innovative equipment or technologies to support capital investment decisions. The program provides a rebate of 50%, up to \$50,000 to small and medium sized businesses.

Before applying for any of these programs, it's recommended that businesses call or email NDIT before applying to discuss their project.

250-561-2525 or info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca



Horseback riding in Hazelton

Your RDKS Economic Development

Economic Development is a catchy phrase, but what does it really mean? At the Regional District, Ec Dev activities are guided by the Economic Development Commission's Strategic Plan 2018-2023. Our current Strategic Plan emphasizes five priority areas:

1. Workforce and Resident Attraction

Attracting more people to live, work, and play in our communities by making them desirable to live in

2. Community Infrastructure

Working toward ensuring that our residents have the same access to amenities and facilities as other regions in the province

3. Skills Training

Working towards creating local training and education opportunities for our region's residents

4. Business Retention and Expansion

Helping our existing businesses thrive

5. Tourism Marketing

Building on coordinated efforts to increase tourism in the region

If you have questions about the strategy or would like to see it in full, feel free to reach out any time to ecdev@rdks.bc.ca

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