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The City of Revelstoke brings Kootenay Innovators to the stage for “Stories, Startups, and Big Ideas”

Revelstoke, B.C – Revelstoke is bringing the Kootenays' entrepreneurial spirit to the big screen with the BroadKAST Film Festival – a free evening of short films, live conversation, and community connection at the Roxy Theatre on Thursday, April 23, from 6:30 p.m. Interested parties can [register here](#).

The [Kootenay Association for Science and Technology](#) (KAST), in partnership with the City of Revelstoke, Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce, Community Futures Revelstoke, and Cronometer, is hosting an evening dedicated to collaboration, creativity, and the entrepreneurial heartbeat of the region.

This free community event intends to highlight Kootenays' vibrant innovation culture. Six entrepreneurs from KAST's Venture Acceleration Program will share their personal journeys of what it takes to build a business, a career, and a life in the region – a rare, candid look at the challenges and triumphs of growing a company in a rural innovation ecosystem. The evening will also offer support, insight, and resources for innovators and small businesses from the Industrial Research Assistance Program.

The arrival of the BroadKAST Film Festival in Revelstoke reflects the community's growing momentum as a hub for rural innovation. Over the past several years, the City has advanced a community-wide Technology Strategy — supported by a \$100,000 BC Rural Dividend Fund grant. This event marks a key milestone in advancing the City of Revelstoke's Tech Strategy by strengthening communication and visibility, expanding local tech-focused events, learning opportunities, and improving community access to innovation resources.

“We created BroadKAST to shine a light on the real people behind the pitches and product demos, the founders who are building companies, families, and futures here in the Kootenays. Revelstoke has done the hard work of building a tech-positive community over many years, and this festival is a chance to celebrate this momentum.” Priya Biswas, KAST Executive Director.

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