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**Time to change out your inefficient wood stove and qualify for
SRD's Wood Stove Exchange Program**

The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) is offering its Wood Stove Exchange Program once again this year which provides an opportunity for property owners to receive rebates from \$300 - \$750, effective September 15, 2021. Rebates are being offered on a first-come, first-served basis to residents interested in exchanging their old wood stove for a new, high efficiency heat pump, gas insert, wood or pellet stove.

If you live in in the villages of Gold River, Tahsis, Sayward, Zeballos and the four electoral areas and you have been thinking about upgrading your wood stove, now is the time. There is a limited supply of rebates and offers expire December 31, 2022. "By trading in your old, inefficient stove for a new, clean burning, high efficiency model you are helping to improve air quality for everyone in the region," said SRD Chair Unger. "Not only do the new stoves burn hotter and slower, reducing smoke output by 70% and consuming less wood but it also reduces the fine particulate matter in wood smoke that are inhalable and can settle in the lungs".

Rebate incentives are as follows:

- Wood stove to wood exchanges – \$300
- Wood stove to natural gas, propane, and pellet stove – \$500
- Wood stove to heat pump – \$750

All new stoves which have a CSA-/EPA certification are eligible. To participate, homeowners need to provide evidence that the old stove has been decommissioned, and the new stove has been installed in compliance with building codes.

For more information regarding the program, please visit www.srd.ca/wood-stove-exchange-program or contact the SRD office at 250-830-6718 or rebates@srd.ca.

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