# REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

# **GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

NAME OF ORGANIZATION		AMOUNT REQUESTED
Network of Emergency Support Services Teams (NESST SOCIETY)         \$2000.00		\$2000.00
MAILING ADDRESS		
4218 1ST Ave		
POSTAL CODE	CONTACT PERSON	
V2M 1C4	Ashley Hare	
EMAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER	
essdirector@rdks.bc.ca		

### INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION:

IS YOUR ORGANIZATION REGISTERED AS A NON-PROFIT SOCIETY IN BC?

YES 🖌 NO 🗌

PROVIDE	INFORMATION	ABOUT	YOUR	ORGANIZATION,	AND	THE	EVENT	OR	INITIATIVE	YOU	ARE
PLANNING	ì										

The Network of Emergency Support Services Teams (NESST SOCIETY) is a non-profit association providing

support to locally based Emergency Support Services (ESS) Teams through education, resources, and

networking opportunities to emergency personnel (ESS responders) in BC. The NESST Conference

is an annual event, in its 12th year, and will be held in Prince George at the Coast Prince George Hotel

from April 25th-27th 2025. The NESST Conference provides valuable formalized training, keynotes, workshops,

and networking sessions for ESS Responders. Training offered at the NESST Conference prepares ESS Responders

by developing their skills to provide initial emergency supports for evacuees in a respectful, supportive, and collaborative way.

PROVIDE DETAILS ABOUT HOW YOUR EVENT OR INITIATIVE WILL BENEFIT RESIDENTS IN THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE

The NESST Conference provides support to ESS volunteers directly in the Regional District of Fraser Fort George (RDFFG) and

it's member municipalities of Prince George, Mackenzie, McBride, and Valemount, as well as volunteers throughout the Province.

This will enable the volunteers and other emergency personnel, within the RDFFG, to provide compassionate, respectful, support to

residents being evacuated from their community. The NESST conference supports Regional and Provincial collaborations

and ensures consistency or training and process, which support RDFFG volunteers when assisting other communities

during an evacuation. This ensures support for RDFFG residents if ever a need to evacuate to another

community within the Region or province.

PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR REVENUE SOURCES

The NESST conference is supported by grant funding, corporate and government sponsorships (both cash and in kind)

and attendee registrations. The attendee registration is kept at a minimum cost to ensure as many volunteers as possible

are able to attend. Nesst 2025 currently has cash commitments from Colliers Project Leaders INC -

\$1000; Coastal Gas Link- TC Energy \$2500; Artemis Gold \$2500; Duz Cho Group of Companies \$1000.

COPY OF YOUR ORGANIZATION'S REGISTRATION OR INCOPORATION ATTACHED	YESX	NO
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COPY OF EVENT OR INITIATIVE BUDGET ATTACHED YESX NO	
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COPY OF ORGANIZATION'S LATEST FINANCIAL STATEMENT ATTACHED	YESX	NO	
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DETAILS OF YOUR ORGANIZATION'S STRUCTURE (INCLUDING DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS) ATTACHED	YES <sub>X</sub>	NO	
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MOST RECENT ANNUAL REPORT ATTACHED	YESX	NO	
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#### HOW WILL FUNDING BE UTILIZED?

PROVIDE DETAILS REGARDING HOW THE GRANT WILL BE USED BY YOUR ORGANIZATION

Funding will be used for infrastructure and operating costs in order to provide the conference.

BUDGET INFORMATION – ON A SEPARATE ATTACHMENT, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO YOUR REQUEST:

- A DETAILED PROJECT BUDGET, INCUDING COSTS, REVENUES AND FEES CHARGED. WHERE POSSIBLE PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES OF COST ESTIMATES OBTAINED FOR THE ITEM OR ACTIVITY
- DETAILS REGARDING OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING INCLUDING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
- A LIST OF ALL GRANTS RECEIVED AND/OR APPLIED FOR FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT.

SIGNATURE	DATE
	Feb 24, 2025

Please ensure that you have answered all sections on this form, and have provided all requested information with your application.

#### SUBMIT TO:

Regional District of Fraser-Fort George 155 George Street Prince George, BC V2L 1P8 Email <u>district@rdffg.bc.ca</u> Attention: Manager of External Relations

Application deadlines are March 1 and September1.

Feb 25, 2025

Regional District of Fraser-Fort George 155 George Street Prince George, BC V2L 1P8 Attention: Manager of External Relations

**Re: Donation Request** 

As we see an increase in climate emergencies and disasters in our province, the need for Emergency Support Services teams to collaborate, coordinate, and learn from each other in British Columbia is now more important than ever.

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The Network of Emergency Support Services Teams (NESST) organizes an annual conference for volunteers, municipalities, partner agencies, and government representatives to meet to provide expanded training and education opportunities to better serve evacuees across our province.

The cost of organizing this event for 250 or more people can exceed \$100,000 and therefore we are seeking support to make this year's conference a success. This April 25th - 27th, Prince George BC, will host the conference and we are asking you to consider donating to this event.

Our Emergency Support Services volunteers benefit greatly from the training and experience offered through the NESST conference. Building those important connections and gaining fruitful knowledge that allows us to grow and progress as a team. NESST gives our volunteers an important opportunity to build team networks and receive training, otherwise not offered regionally.

We know you understand the importance of a strong community response when disasters strike and how Emergency Support Services volunteers play an integral role in hosting and assisting evacuees from surrounding areas. Any donations to make this a success for all participants would be greatly appreciated.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if we can provide you further information.

Thank you,

Ashley Hare Sponsorship Committee Chair

www.nesst.ca

# **NESST 2025**

# Sponsorship Opportunities

The Network of Emergency Support Services Teams (NESST) Conference will be held in Prince George, April 25 – 27, 2025.

The NESST Conference brings Emergency Support Services Volunteers from all over British Columbia together to network, train, share their knowledge and expertise. The NESST Conference provides volunteer recognition and appreciation, to those dedicated volunteers, who support residents evacuated from their homes due to an emergency.

We're happy to extend our invitation to your organization to sponsor this exciting annual event via a variety of prebuilt or custom sponsorship packages.

As the majority of NESST members are volunteers, every year we strive to keep conference costs as affordable as possible. This can only be achieved by corporate sponsorship. We proudly recognize our generous sponsors at the NESST conference and throughout the year. We encourage you to review the sponsor packages that best suit your goals.

Please contact our Sponsorship Chair if you have any questions, or for more information:

Ashley Hare NESST Sponsorship Committee Chair <u>ESSDirector@RDKS.bc.ca</u> 250-638-1466 (o) 250-648-0336 (c)

## Friday Evening Social Sponsor \$7,500

Includes:

Speaking opportunity (5 minutes) for delegate welcome message

# Saturday Networking Dinner Sponsor

\$5,000

Includes:

One (1) complimentary registration package OR Four (4) Saturday night dinner tickets

#### Keynote Speaker Sponsor \$3,500 Includes:

Speaking opportunity, and introduction of a keynote speaker

#### Included in each package listed above:

One (1) complimentary registration package Preferential logo recognition on conference app, printed materials, and NESST website (<u>NESST.ca</u>) Verbal acknowledgment throughout the conference One (1) information table Speaking opportunity (5 minutes) for delegate welcome message

# Sponsorship Opportunities

### Meal Sponsor \$2,500

**NESST 2025** 

# **Delegate Bag Sponsor**

### (Includes logo placement on delegate bags)

#### \$2,500

#### Included in each package listed above:

Logo recognition on conference app, printed materials, and NESST website (<u>NESST.ca</u>) Verbal acknowledgment throughout the conference One (1) information table

> Session Sponsor \$1,000

NESST Supporter \$500

### Door Prize Sponsor \$250

#### Included in each package listed above:

Logo recognition on conference app, printed materials, and NESST website (<u>NESST.ca</u>) Verbal acknowledgment throughout the conference Cash sponsorships will be used to purchase door prizes

#### **Custom Sponsorships**

If you don't see a sponsorship opportunity that you are looking for, or if you have a great idea for sponsorship, please let us know. We are happy to design a custom package!

#### **Registration Bursaries** Increments of \$500

If you would like to sponsor an individual (or group of individuals) to attend, sponsor a registration bursary! Average attendee cost for travel, accommodation and registration is \$500. We will manage the application process for you.

Bursaries can be set up in the following categories:

- Extraordinary volunteer
- First Nations representative
- First time attendee OR
- A criteria of your choice

Contact us for more information!

Sponsorships can be paid via credit card using the Zeffy fundraising platform at: <u>https://bit.ly/nesstsponsorships</u> or by scanning the QR code below:





# Network of Emergency Support Services Teams Annual General Meeting Agenda

April 13, 2024 4:30 p.m. Coast Kamloops Conference Centre

**Introduction of Board Members** 

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes April 22, 2023

Financial Officer's Report as of December 31, 2023

#### **President's Report**

#### **New Business**

➤ Elections of 5 Directors

- Current Directors allowing their name to stand:
  - ♦ Kyle McGhee
  - Ryan Good
  - Marion Cousineau
  - ♦ Anita de Dreu

#### Adjournment

Next AGM Meeting TBD



# Minutes **NESST Annual General Meeting**

#### April 22, 2023 4:30 p.m. Prince George Civic Centre Auditorium 101 & Zoom

#### **ATTENDEES:**

Deborah Jones-Middleton Tanya Spooner **Jennifer** Pinette Christopher Walker Sonja Krug Kyle McGhee Patricia Culham Anita de Dreu Judy Greenaway Ryan Good Trina Bysouth Helen Brown Carol Jones-Middleton Azadeh Gharedaghi **Bob Turner** Melissa Swakuim Alex Hubert Deb Knabke Sheila Pritchard **Yvonne Wertiel** Lana Laskovic Ashley Hare Sally Ryan **Terri-Anne Houghton** Nikki Kirton Jenny Sawatzky Kate Pottinger Dianne Kehler

Nellie Davis Frank Hastings Maureen Parsley **Rob Macdonald** Kerri Mingo **Cheryl Rogers** Lisbeth Liebgott **Rick** Jones Sandy Hewitson Terri Robillard Tracy Gartley Marion Cousineau Laura Steele Wendi Omeasoo **Jamie Fraser** Wendy Ackeral Craig Smith Daphne Tofsrud Red Horn Terry Kildaw Heather Schroeder Kylah Bryde David Tse Farhad Lari Leigh Vincent-Lambert Nina Harju Shannon Gilroy

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

President Deborah Jones-Middleton called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

President: Deborah Jones-Middleton Vice President: Tanya Spooner Treasurer: John Illes

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Secretary: Sonja Krug Directors: Dennis Strain Marion Cousineau Lisbeth Liebgott Kyle McGhee Ryan Good

#### AGENDA

Moved by Sonja Krug Seconded by Tanya Spooner "That the NESST Society Agenda of April 22, 2023, be adopted."

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### MINUTES

Moved by Tanya Spooner Seconded by Judy Greenaway "That the NESST Society Minutes of July 26, 2022, be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

As of December 31, 2022 Surplus of \$16,929.44 Moved by Marion Cousineau Seconded by Jennifer Pinette "That the Financial report be adopted."

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

This past year has been busy with NESST becoming a Society and focusing on raising funds for the conference. The Board of Directors are learning their roles and responsibilities as we move forward. We encourage our membership holders to share suggestions or ideas to president@nesst.ca.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Mission Statement**

Moved by Kyle McGhee Seconded by Chrisopher Walker "That the NESST Mission Statement be adopted."

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Vision Statement

Moved by Tanya Spooner Seconded by Sonja Krug "That the NESST Vision Statement be adopted."

#### **Board of Director Policy**

Moved by Matt Herzog

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Seconded by Daphne Tofsrud "That the Board of Director Policy be adopted."

#### **Membership Policy**

Moved by Sonja Krug Seconded by Tanya Spooner "That the Membership Policy be adopted."

#### **Membership Application**

Moved by Kyle McGhee Seconded by Tanya Spooner "That the Membership Application be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# Adjournment

Moved by Lisbeth Liebgott Adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

#### **Next AGM Meeting**

April 13, 2024

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# NETWORK OF EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES TEAMS SOCIETY

**Compiled Financial Information** 

December 31, 2023



CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

#### **COMPILATION ENGAGEMENT REPORT**

January 29, 2024

#### To Management of Network of Emergency Support Services Teams Society

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of Network of Emergency Support Services Teams Society as at December 31, 2023, the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information.

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, Compilation Engagements, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

We did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

**Beswick Hildebrandt Lund Chartered Professional Accountants** Prince George, British Columbia

#### Partners

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#### NETWORK OF EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES TEAMS SOCIETY

#### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended December 31, 2023

		2023		2022
REVENUES				
Registration	\$	32,790	\$	-
Sponsorship Interest		17,050 82		- 1
Donations from local government	_	-	_	16,984
		49,922		16,985
EXPENDITURES				
Convention		54,256		-
Professional fees		618		-
Bank charges		11		56
		54,885		56
EXCESS REVENUE FOR THE YEAR		(4,963)		16,929
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		16,929		
NET ASSETS AT END OF THE YEAR	\$	11,966	\$	16,929

#### NETWORK OF EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES TEAMS SOCIETY

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2023

#### ASSETS

	2023	2022
CURRENT ASSETS Cash Prepaids	\$ 9,536 3,430 <u>\$ 12,966</u>	\$ 11,929 5,000 \$ 16,929
LIABILITIES AND N	ET ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES Deferred revenue	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	\$
NET ASSE	TS	
GENERAL FUND	11,966	16,929
	\$ 12,966	\$ 16,929
Approved by the Directors:		
Director		

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### For the year ended December 31, 2023

#### 1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the statement of financial position for Network of Emergency Support Services Teams Society as at December 31, 2023 and the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended reflects cash transactions with the addition of:

- Prepaid expenses as an advance for items that are expected to provide future use
- Deferred revenue

# 2024 Network of Emergency Support Services Society President's Message

It is with great excitement and joy that I can stand here today as the President of the Network of Emergency Support Services Society. We had a humble beginning in 2013 in a small community centre outside the Village of Burns Lake with 50 volunteers. Today I am honoured to be serving the over 200 volunteers that have joined us this weekend from all corners of the Province.

The Network of Emergency Support Services Society is made up of volunteers from all over the province, they are located in the City of Prince George, Village of Burns Lake, City of Quesnel, City of Terrace, City of Salmon Arm, District of 100 Mile House, Village of McBride, City of Kamloops, City of Chilliwack, City of Mission, and the City of Vancouver, who are all committed to bringing you the best pre-conference and conference experience we can.

We are very grateful to our sponsors, The Province of BC, Enbridge, Strategic Alliance for Emergency Resilience, The City of Kamloops, Coastal Gas Link, the Thompson Nicola Regional District, Health Emergency Management BC, McElhanney, the BC Association of Emergency Management, the Justice Institute of BC, the Aberdeen Mall in Kamloops, and the Coast Hotel & Conference Centre. The support we receive from these sponsors is what helps us keep the cost to a minimum for you, our volunteers.

You are 'At the Heart of the Response', without your commitment we are not able to effectively help people evacuated. Your support to your community is what motivates the NESST Society to keep this conference going. Our goal as a society and for the conference is bringing workshops and other opportunities to support you before, during and after a response.

The Society and Organizing Committee are already working to plan NESST 2025 that will be hosted in the City of Prince George.

There are 5 Director's positions up for election this year, 4 of the current Directors are allowing their name to stand for re-election, Ryan Good, Disaster Psychosocial Services through HEMBC, Marion Cousineau, McBride ESS, Kyle McGhee, City of Prince George ESSD, and Anitia deDreu Regional District of Fraser Fort George EPC, without their dedication to NESST we would not be here today. I encourage you to consider joining our team.

I would like to extend a great big thank you to Lisbeth Liebgott who has served as a Director for two years, Lisbeth has been a champion of the NESST program and a major contributor on the Sponsorship Committee, thank you for everything you have accomplished.

From my heart to yours 🤎

Deborah Jones-Middleton Founder & President



## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS AND REGISTERED OFFICE

BC Society • Societies Act

**CERTIFIED COPY** Of a document filed with the Province of British Columbia Registrar of Companies

T.K. SPARKS

#### NAME OF SOCIETY: NETWORK OF EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES TEAMS (NESST SOCIETY)

Incorporation Number: Business Number: Filed Date and Time: S0076758 71681 7309 BC0001 January 30, 2025 08:28 AM Pacific Time

#### **REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS INFORMATION**

#### **Delivery Address:**

NESST SOCIETY 4218 1ST AVENUE PRINCE GEORGE BC V2M 1C4 Mailing Address: NESST SOCIETY 4218 1ST AVENUE PRINCE GEORGE BC V2M 1C4

#### DIRECTOR INFORMATION

Last Name, First Name Middle Name: COUSINEAU, MARION

**Delivery Address:** 

Last Name, First Name Middle Name: CULHAM, PATRICIA

**Delivery Address:** 

Last Name, First Name Middle Name: DEDREU, ANITA

**Delivery Address:** 

Last Name, First Name Middle Name: DICKSON, DAVE

**Delivery Address:** 

BC Registries and Online Services Incorporation Number S0076758



	ast Name, First Name Middle Name: ARE, ASHLEY
	elivery Address:
	ast Name, First Name Middle Name: DNES-MIDDLETON, DEBORAH
D	elivery Address:
	ast Name, First Name Middle Name: ICGHEE, KYLE
D	elivery Address:
	ast Name, First Name Middle Name: OPPEN, JENNA
D	elivery Address:
Ρ	ast Name, First Name Middle Name: EPPER, KAYLA elivery Address:
	ast Name, First Name Middle Name: EMCHUK, CATHY
D	elivery Address:
	ast Name, First Name Middle Name:
	elivery Address:



# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS AND REGISTERED OFFICE

**BC Society • Societies Act** 

Last Name, First Name Middle Name: WALKER, SHYANNE

**Delivery Address:** 

Last Name, First Name Middle Name: WEIR, MONIQUE

**Delivery Address:** 





BC Registries and Online Services Incorporation Number S0076758



Number: S0076758

# Societies Act Certificate of Incorporation

# NETWORK OF EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES TEAMS (NESST SOCIETY)

I Hereby Certify that ~

NETWORK OF EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES TEAMS (NESST SOCIETY) was incorporated under the *Societies Act* on July 5, 2022 at 01:56 PM Pacific Time.

Issued under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia



T.K. SPARKS

ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE