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KAST Announces Change in Leadership

Kootenays, B.C. - The Kootenay Association for Science and Technology (KAST) welcomes Melanie Fontaine back into the role of Acting Executive Director for the next couple of months while we look for someone to take over the reins before she leaves for a well-deserved break to start a family! The KAST Board continues our search for a permanent Executive Director. Please see our job posting for the open position.

ABOUT KAST:

Since 1998, KAST (The Kootenay Association for Science & Technology) has led our region's economic development through technology and innovation. We are the only non-profit tech association serving the entire Kootenay region.

KAST is a connector of five regional districts, five First Nations, 29 municipalities, nine school districts, three postsecondary institutions, dozens of nonprofits, hundreds of small businesses, thousands of tech workers and one of the largest natural resource companies in the world.

In addition to our flagship <u>Venture Acceleration Program</u> and <u>The Nelson Innovation</u> <u>Centre</u>, check out our newest program the <u>Kootenay Venture Network</u> and see our other programs supporting 4 key pillars of Tech Economic Development in the Kootenays <u>Startup Launch</u>, <u>Venture Support</u>, <u>Youth</u> and <u>Community!</u>

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