



## 19 Oct 2026 – The Armstrong Regional Co-op and FCL Support Caravan Farm Theatre with \$30,000 Donation

The Armstrong Regional Co-op and Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL) are donating \$30,000 to the Caravan Farm Theatre through Co-op's Community Match Fund, supporting improvements to the theatre's Timber Barn venue and helping ensure this unique cultural gathering place can continue to welcome audiences for years to come.

Armstrong Regional Co-op selected Caravan Farm Theatre for this investment in recognition of its longstanding contribution to the cultural life of the region and its role in bringing people together through arts, storytelling and shared experiences.

"The Caravan Farm Theatre is a special local non-profit that brings people together and creates lasting memories right here in our own backyard. We're proud to partner with FCL to support an organization that enriches our community and makes our region a better place to live, work and visit." - **Jason Keis, Marketing & Community Relations Manager, Armstrong Regional Co-op**

The \$30,000 donation will support Caravan Farm Theatre's Timber Barn Venue Adaptation Project, including removable fir board cladding, theatre drapes and additional folding chairs. These improvements will provide better protection from sun, wind and rain while keeping the open-air atmosphere that makes the venue unique.

The upgrades will also allow for more flexible programming, including theatre performances, concerts, cinema, barn dances and community events. Improved lighting and weather protection and could also support Indigenous programming, seasonal programming and matinee performances, making events more comfortable and accessible for a wider range of audiences.

"Caravan Farm Theatre is grateful for this support from Armstrong Regional Coop and Federated Co-operatives Limited to help us evolve to meet the needs of our community and adapt to the changes in our environment. With this adaptation to our Timber Barn venue, we look forward to gathering community members together throughout the year around stories and events that inspire a sense of awe and possibility. The arts bring us together and, as cooperatives know, we are stronger together." - **Vicki Stroich, Environmental and Education Programs Manager, Caravan Farm Theatre**

The project reflects the shared commitment of the Armstrong Regional Co-op and FCL to supporting community organizations that contribute to the vitality of the region. By investing in local partnerships, the Co-op Community Match Fund helps organizations strengthen their facilities, expand opportunities for community participation and build capacity for the future.

Project implementation and timing details will be announced by Caravan Farm Theatre at a later date.

### About Caravan Farm Theatre

Caravan Farm Theatre is a not-for-profit professional outdoor theatre company located on an 80-acre farm approximately 11 kilometres northwest of Armstrong, British Columbia. Operated by the Bill Miner Society for Cultural Advancement, the theatre is known for its imaginative, site-specific productions that connect audiences with the natural world through storytelling, music and live performance.

### About Armstrong Regional Cooperative

The Armstrong Regional Cooperative has proudly served our Co-op members for over 100 years. Today, the Armstrong Regional Co-op serves more than 45,000 members as well as many more customers in the Okanagan, Shuswap and Kootenays. The Armstrong Regional Cooperative operates gas bars, cardlocks, outdoor storage, ARC liquor stores, and delivers bulk fuel throughout the Okanagan & Shuswap. We remain committed to supporting the communities we serve with sponsorships, bursaries, and support of many local non-profits and charitable organizations. Please visit us online at [www.armstrong.coop](http://www.armstrong.coop) for more information.

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