

# Measuring Up The North - E-News

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Dear MUTN Communities:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

The MUTN E-News is a bi-weekly update distributed to our MUTN Liaisons, Communities and other interested parties. Included you will find information on announcements, news from MUTN communities, upcoming events, funding, and the latest updates on our website. **Please feel free to distribute this e-news.**

If you have announcements or funding opportunities you would like to share, please send them to the MUTN Project Assistants: Kamrul Hasan ([khasan.mutn@yahoo.com](mailto:khasan.mutn@yahoo.com)) or Kory Heyland ([kheyland@bcpara.org](mailto:kheyland@bcpara.org)).

Check out our website [www.measureupthenorth.com](http://www.measureupthenorth.com) for information on our Partners, News and Events, Resources and our Forum.

## ***CREATING UNIVERSALLY DESIGNED HEALTHY SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE***

*A unique conference aimed at presenting current trends in universal design of the built environment. As we face an increasing aging population, we need to prepare our buildings, homes and communities to be better designed for all. Better design means a more livable and economically viable community for all residents and visitors. This conference brings together internationally known experts in the field. You will learn how universally designed communities are healthier more sustainable communities for everyone. Our conference is April 6-8, 2009 in Prince George, BC at the Prince George Civic Centre. Please register at <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/Conference/mutnspring2009.asp>.*

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## Conferences

### **BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE KELOWNA, BC- FEB 23-FEB 26, 2009**

With more than 100 speakers from the public, private, non-profit, and academic sectors. Featured Topics Include: SustainAble Agriculture / SustainAble Business /Community SustainAbility (for local governments). To register, visit [www.regonline.ca/bsc2009](http://www.regonline.ca/bsc2009)  
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### **AGING IN AMERICA CONFERENCE 2009, LAS VEGAS- MARCH 15-19, 2009**

The Annual Conference of the American Society on Aging and the National Council on Aging.

Contact: [www.agingconference.org](http://www.agingconference.org)

### **5<sup>TH</sup> INTERNTNL INCLUDE CONFERENCE, ROYAL COLLEGE OF ART, LONDON- APRIL 5-9, 2009**

The conference will focus on the innovation derived from inclusive design.

Contact: [www.hhc.rca.ac.uk/11345/all/1/include\\_2009\\_.aspx](http://www.hhc.rca.ac.uk/11345/all/1/include_2009_.aspx)

### **3<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ACCESSIBLE TOURISM (ICAT) 2009, SINGAPORE- APRIL 22-25, 2009**

Themed “Tourism Unlimited: Access for All” the conference will be hosted by “The Disabled People’s Association” which promotes accessible tourism in the Asia-Pacific region.

Contact: [www.ICTAT2009.com.sg](http://www.ICTAT2009.com.sg)

### **2<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE INCLUSIVE MUSEUM, UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA- JULY8-10, 2009**

The program will include presentations by the leaders in museum studies as well as numerous paper, colloquium and workshop presentations.

Contact: <http://z09.cgpublisher.com>

## Announcements

### **YOUR COMMITTEE CAN HELP WITH ACCESSIBLE TOURISM:**

We are partnering with him on accessible tourism.. You and your committee can help out by searching your community for businesses that provide accessibility services and products. Mike will be creating a website so that businesses can access resources. Please send completed forms to our assistant, Kamrul: [k.hasan.mutn@yahoo.com](mailto:k.hasan.mutn@yahoo.com) by January 30, 2009.

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## **Funding News**

### **BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION - COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM**

Grant provider: Union of BC Municipalities, BC Recreation and Parks Association.

Application Deadline: January 30, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=176>

### **CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM 2009/2010.**

Grant provider: Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Application deadline: January 30, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=106>

### **INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM.**

Grant provider. Ministry of Community Development.

Application deadline: January 30, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=23>

### **BC 150 - HERITAGE LEGACY FUND.**

Grant provider: Government of Canada, Province of BC.

Application deadline: February 16, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=175>

### **SCHOOL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FUNDING PROGRAM.**

Grant provider: Union of BC Municipalities, BC School Trustees Association.

Application deadline: March 31, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=147>

### **BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ARTS AND HERITAGE.**

Grant provider: Canadian Heritage.

Application deadline: April 1, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=132>

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**Thanks to : Rural Team BC issued by Brandon Hughes (Canadian Rural Partnership/Service Canada) for the following granting opportunities**

**WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES AND WORKPLACES PROGRAM**

The Ministry is seeking projects that are developmental and collaborative in nature, and will serve as an initial starting point for community capacity building. Eligible projects will aim to coordinate the establishment of collaborations and partnerships within communities of interest, and ensure that these collaborations and partnerships are inclusive and represent a diverse and broad range of key stakeholder groups. Application details are be available on the WelcomeBC website at: [http://www.welcomebc.ca/en/service\\_providers/wicwp.html](http://www.welcomebc.ca/en/service_providers/wicwp.html)

**2ND ROUND OF RICK HANSEN 'LET'S PLAY' GRANT**

For more information on the grant being offered by "Let's Play," a joint initiative of the Rick Hansen Foundation and the Province of British Columbia, refer to the links below or feel free to contact Habitat or the Rick Hansen Foundation directly. "Let's Play" is a recently launched project that offers grants for the creation of accessible public play spaces for young children in BC and builds awareness about accessible play and related best practices. Schools, municipalities, and other community organizations interested in constructing new play spaces or renovating existing ones can apply for grants of \$15,000 or between \$15,000 and \$50,000 for projects that improve accessibility for caregivers and children with mobility-related disabilities. The play spaces must focus on accommodating children ages 0-6 and be open and freely available for community use. Application deadline: Thursday, January 23rd, 2009 at 4:30pm.

**General Grant Information:**

[http://www.rickhansen.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=186&Itemid=10000039](http://www.rickhansen.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=186&Itemid=10000039)

**New for 2008/09 - 2 Different Grants Available:**

[http://www.rickhansen.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=185&Itemid=10000040](http://www.rickhansen.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=185&Itemid=10000040)

**Application Form - You Can Submit Application via E-mail this year:**

[http://www.rickhansen.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=183&Itemid=10000041](http://www.rickhansen.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=183&Itemid=10000041)

Please call toll free 1 (866) HABITAT (422-4828) to speak with a Habitat representative in your area.

**TOWNS FOR TOMORROW AND LOCALMOTION PROGRAMS**

Improving local infrastructure has become easier for more communities as a result of the launch of the expanded Towns for Tomorrow program and the latest round of LocalMotion funding. Applications are now being accepted for both programs. Deadline for Applications is: January 16, 2009.

**Details:** <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/302n.asp?newsid=2955>

## **NECHAKO-KITIMAAT DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund Society. Application deadline: January 20, 2009.

**Information:** <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=29>

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## **Liaison Conference Call Dates**

Here is a list of dates for all the Liaison conference calls with Laurie:

- Friday January 16, 2009
- Friday February 20, 2009
- Friday March 20, 2009
- Friday April 17, 2009
- Friday May 22, 2009
- Friday June 26, 2009

Please mark these dates on your calendars. Join Laurie to talk about how your communities are progressing.

### **MUTN WEBSITE UPDATES**

**<http://www.measureupthenorth.com/>**

#### **Web Related Contact:**

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