



## **MEASURING UP THE NORTH E-NEWS**

**March 15, 2009**

Dear MUTN Communities:

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 Assistant: 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.

**\*Planners Institute of BC (PIBC) Continuing Professional Development (CPD): PIBC Members can earn CPD Learning Units by participating in this event.\***

**\*The Alberta Association of Landscape Architects (AALA) Professional Development Units (PDU): AALA Members can earn PDU Learning Units by participating in this event.\***

**The Registration Deadline is March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Don't Miss Out - Register Today!!!**

Please register at <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/Conference/mutnspring2009.asp>

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## CONFERENCES

### **DONOR-CENTRED FUNDRAISING WORKSHOP- APRIL 1, 2009, FORT ST. JOHN, BC**

This workshop features Penelope Burk who is the industry's foremost authority on fundraising research, training and strategic planning based on donor-centered principles. Donor-Centred fundraising is a pragmatic, interactive and forward-thinking seminar designed to help decision-making staff and volunteers capitalize on current market trends and helps to answer the question, "What do donors want?"

**Contact:** [fsjhf@northernhealth.ca](mailto:fsjhf@northernhealth.ca)

### **5TH 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)

### **3RD 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)

### **BC RECREATION & PARKS ASSOCIATION'S SYMPOSIUM 2009 WHISTLER -**

#### **Strength in CommUNITY - May 27-29, 2009 at the Telus Conference Centre in Whistler.**

Symposium 2009 is about building strength through the unification of the various aspects of community. The focus of the educational program will be on the many interconnected dimensions of community and on the impact of cultural shifts (i.e., demographics and ethnicity) on recreation programs, services and facilities, and on organizational culture, physical culture, arts & culture. It will explore innovative approaches to programming in an environment of changing cultures, focusing on underlying principles and building blocks.

For more information, visit [http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca/training\\_symposium/symposium/2009.htm](http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca/training_symposium/symposium/2009.htm)

### **NORTHERN SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT: OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR FUTURE –**

May 28 and 29, 2009 at the Hudson's Bay Lodge in Smithers.

Registration: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/Conference/smitherssummit.asp>

### **2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE INCLUSIVE MUSEUM, UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA- JULY 8-10, 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

### **UPDATING YOUR HOME FOR ACCESSIBLE LIVING**

For many seniors, living independently at home is a much less costly and much more welcome alternative to moving to a seniors facility however, the design of our homes, does not allow for the increasing disabilities that sometimes come with growing older. Seniors can have some difficulty carrying out daily activities because of steep stairs, hard to reach switches and cupboards, or bathroom fixtures that are too awkward... [CLICK HERE](#) for complete article.

### **NEW WEBSITE TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY TOURISM EFFORTS**

A partnership between the Province, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Knowledge Network Corporation has resulted in the creation of Picture BC - a new online gateway to communities around the province through photos, video and stories.

Details: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/302n.asp?newsid=3084>

## **A TASTE OF BRAILLE**

A Taste of Braille, out of Quesnel, BC, will produce menus, documents & books in braille and large print. They can also braille your business cards to make your business more accessible. A Taste of Braille will respect their clients right to privacy and assures that none of their personal information will be shared with any other person, company or organization. For more information contact Nolan Fallowfield via email at [atasteofbraille@shaw.ca](mailto:atasteofbraille@shaw.ca) or by phone at 1-250-992-1242.

## **KELOWNA LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE INTERACTIVE MAPPING**

The City of Kelowna has launched an interactive feature on its website, giving residents a big-picture view of construction projects. Details: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/302n.asp?newsid=3103>

## **“EMERGING LEADERS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT” WEBINAR SERIES (NEW!)**

The LGMA is offering a new and very unique program that will train local government leaders and emerging leaders on a variety of subjects and in a very cost-effective manner. Each program is 3 hours long, consisting of three one hour sessions running on consecutive days (Tues, Wed, Thurs). In partnership with Paragon Strategic Services Ltd., the following subjects will be explored during the program's spring series:

- Dynamic Communication
- Management Effectiveness
- Embracing Change
- Respectful Coaching
- Customer Service in the Public Sector; and
- Negotiation Skills.

This series qualifies for IIMC certification/re-certification points.

See [http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/weekly/LGMA\\_Information\\_Circular\\_March2009.pdf](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/weekly/LGMA_Information_Circular_March2009.pdf) for further details, and for information on other upcoming programs and workshops.

## **CONDUCTING EFFECTIVE MEETINGS WITH ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER – FOR COMMUNITY/ASSOCIATION LEADERS**

John Noonan, Registered Parliamentarian, is offering this one-day seminar on Thursday, March 26, 2009 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 700 Old Lillooet Road in North Vancouver.

By the end of this seminar, you will have a clear knowledge of your role as an association member, and as a board member, and the role of the board itself. You will leave this program with the confidence to lead a meeting effectively and possess the skills to be a fully participating member of your association.

See [http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/weekly/John\\_Noonan\\_March\\_26\\_Seminar.pdf](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/weekly/John_Noonan_March_26_Seminar.pdf) for more information.

To register, call John at 604-984-6083 or email [johnnoonan@shaw.ca](mailto:johnnoonan@shaw.ca)

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT COACH PROGRAM**

This is an opportunity to share ideas and develop skills to improve leadership assessment, performance feedback and learning plan development skills. The program will be held from May 11 to 13, 2009 at Kananaskis Village in Alberta. Download the brochure at <http://www.clgm.net>. For more information, please contact Linda Davies, Society of Local Government Managers at (780) 796-3836 or [linda.davies@shaw.ca](mailto:linda.davies@shaw.ca)

## FUNDING NEWS

### **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>

### **TREES FOR TOMORROW PROGRAM**

Grant provider: Ministry of Community Development.

Application deadline: March 31, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=158>

### **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>

### **CANADA-BC BUILDING FUND: COMMUNITIES COMPONENT**

Grant provider: Government of Canada, Province of BC, Union of BC Municipalities.

Application deadline: April 24, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=149>

### **NEWLY ELECTED COMMUNITY-TO-COMMUNITY FORUM PROGRAM**

Grant provider: Union of BC Municipalities, First Nations Summit.

Application deadline: June 5, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=177>

### **REMOTE COMMUNITY CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM**

Grant provider: Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Application deadline: December 15, 2010.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=174>

### **SOLARBC PROGRAM**

Grant provider: Natural Resources Canada, Province of BC.

Application deadline: March 31, 2011.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=178>

## LIAISON CONFERENCE CALL DATES

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

- 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/>

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