



MEASURING UP THE NORTH E-NEWS

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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).

Check out our website www.measureupthenorth.com for information on our Partners, News and Events, Resources and our Forum.

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CONFERENCES

2009 UBCM CONVENTION (UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES)

September 28 - October 2, 2009

Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver BC

Contact Info: Ph) 604-270-8226

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCESS TO RECREATION WEBINAR SERIES

School's out and the summer recreation season is upon us. Grab a tall glass of ice tea and settle in with NCA this summer as we talk about some innovative Access to Recreation grant projects. The W.K. Kellogg Foundation Access to Recreation grant program has provided \$15 million in funding to 36 recreation projects in four Midwestern states over the last three years. Projects were selected based on their concepts for embracing universal design, opportunity to facilitate inclusion of people of all abilities and opportunity to serve as an exemplar of universal design to community planners, recreation practitioners and advocates. The free 90-minute sessions will present an overview of the project concepts, the planning process, design decisions, construction issues, and fundraising. Participants will have the opportunity to view some of the project details online and ask questions of the project managers. This is an excellent opportunity for professionals seeking the latest information on universal design trends specific to parks and recreation. The series is sponsored by the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Foundation.

June 25: Playgrounds

July 30: Boating & Fishing Areas

August 27: Interpretive Trails

All sessions are from 2 to 3:30 pm Eastern. For a complete listing of projects and presenters, along with registration information, go to www.ncaonline.org.

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENTS AT NISRA

NCA recently completed accessibility assessments of more than 96 parks and facilities for four member park districts of the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association. NCA assessment teams made recommendations for accessibility improvements to the Cary, Wauconda, Hampshire and Crystal Lake Park Districts. To assist in their transition planning, each park district received NCA's Park and Recreation Accessibility Management System (PRMS), a database to prioritize, plan and track accessibility improvements. Alice Voigt, NCA Accessibility Specialist, will be in Crystal Lake and Cary in June to make presentations of findings to each agency's board of commissioners.

In addition to accessibility assessments for the northern Illinois Park Districts, NCA teams have completed accessibility assessments for a pilot group of National Parks including Hopewell Furnace and Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Sites, Cades Cove at Great Smokey Mountain National Park, Fort McHenry National Monument, and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. The pilot project utilizes the Accessibility Conditions Assessment Website (ACAW) which is part of the NPS Facilities Management Software System (FMSS). NCA assessment teams identify barriers for visitors with disabilities, make recommendations for accessibility improvements, and develop cost estimates that can be prioritized as formal requests for funding. In July, the NCA assessment team will be at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon to assess select assets and programs.

ONLINE LEARNING: PROGRAM ACCESS & UNIVERSAL DESIGN

NCA has three new online learning opportunities. Two introductory courses have been developed on the concepts of program access and the principles of universal design for recreation settings. The introductory courses are offered as one-hour learning modules and are ideal for professionals and advocates new to accessible recreation. The modules are free through www.parktraining.org.

A third program, an advanced discussion of the principles of universal design in recreation is available through www.ncaonline.org, go to Training and Education > Distance Learning. The program is an archived presentation of a satellite broadcast for the National Park Service and presents over 50 different examples of universal design in various recreation environments.

ONLINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR CANADIANS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHERS FACING BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT

- Do you have clients who self identify as having a disability or another barrier to employment?
- Would they be interested in Website Design as a way to start their own business; contract to existing companies or agencies to design and manage their sites; or using their skills to obtain employment as an entry level web designer or administrator?
- Do they have their own computer, basic computer skills and an Internet connection?

If you said yes to these questions, we have an opportunity for them...

The Canadian Society for Social Development (CSSD) has spaces left in their six-month, award-winning Internet Business Development for Entrepreneurs (IBDE), web design program for the October 2009 intake. This accredited course gives students marketable skills to use in the online marketing of their own business; starting their own web design venture working with other small businesses or agencies; or possibly embarking on a career with another web design firm that will provide telework for them as a web designer. Over the past five years the IBDE program has had over 70% of our students complete the course and we believe this is due to the one-on-one instruction that they receive from our IBDE team, through the use of email, instant messaging, phone and our virtual classroom.

Our tuition of \$3,995 includes all course supplies and software, and our staff will assist applicants in finding funding assistance, which is usually available in most areas. Those interested in this program should register now as space is limited (and the funding process does take a bit of time) at: <http://www.ibde.ca/?q=signup>. For additional information go to www.ibde.ca. You can also access our brochure and poster in PDF format at: <http://www.cssd-web.org/?q=en/about/promo>

HURRY AND HAVE THEM ENROL NOW!

LEVEL I CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED) COURSE IN COQUITLAM

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D.), Risk Assessments, Security Hardware Design and Project Management. We work with architects, planners, developers, companies, non-profits, police agencies and many others in a collaborative and educational forum. <http://www.liahonasecurity.com/>

FUNDING NEWS

COMMUNITY HALLS AND RECREATION FACILITIES PROGRAM

Northern Initiative Development Trust

<http://northerndevelopment.bc.ca/community-funding/community-halls-and-recreation-facilities>

DEADLINE: June 19, 2009

TREES FOR TOMORROW PROGRAM

Grant provider: Ministry of Community Development.

Application deadline: June 30, 2009.

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

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

Grant provider: Ministry of Community Development.

Application deadline: July 29, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=188>

COMMUNITY BASED AWARENESS (CBA) PUBLIC AWARENESS GRANTS

Public Awareness grants of up to \$4,000 are available to communities through the BCRPA to support marketing campaigns promoting physical activity using the **Marketing Action Plan (M.A.P.)**, tools and templates. **M.A.P.** is designed to provide the information you need to promote multiple community events, programs and initiatives and ensure your campaign messages reach your target audience. Grant funds are flexible and can be applied towards the production of marketing materials or towards hiring support staff to coordinate the campaign.

This funding opportunity is open to:

- Local governments
- Aboriginal communities
- Registered charitable organizations
- Workplaces

Please visit <http://www.physicalactivitystrategy.ca/index.php/community-based-awareness/community-based-awareness-grants/> to learn more about this funding opportunity, which opens June 1 with a **closing deadline of July 31, 2009**. If you have any questions about the grant program or the **Marketing Action Plan (M.A.P.)** please contact Meredith Mundick, Communications Assistant at 604.629.0965 ext. 253 or email mmundick@bcrrpa.bc.ca.

Community Based Awareness is a joint initiative of the BC Recreation & Parks Association and the Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon. Funding is provided by the BC Healthy Living Alliance, with support from ActNow BC.

Quick Links

Community Based Awareness Grants

<http://www.physicalactivitystrategy.ca/index.php/community-based-awareness/community-based-awareness-grants/>

Public Awareness Program Guide

<http://www.physicalactivitystrategy.ca/pdfs/Public%2520Awareness%2520Grant%2520Program%2520-%2520Phase%25202.pdf>

Public Awareness Application Form

<http://www.physicalactivitystrategy.ca/pdfs/CBA Phase 2 Grant Application Form.doc>

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Provides municipalities, regional districts, First Nations and non-profit groups funding via Northern Development's six (6) principal Trust Accounts: the Regional Development Accounts (Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet, Northeast, Northwest, and Prince George), the Pine Beetle Recovery Account, and the Cross Regional Account. As Northern Development's primary community economic development funding program, projects that serve to diversify local and regional economies are eligible for infrastructure and capital investment funding. Completed application packages must be submitted by the third (3rd) Friday of the months of January, March, June, September, and November in order to be reviewed by the Board within 90 days.

Application Guide:

http://northerndevelopment.bc.ca/uploads/file/EconomicDiversificationInfrastructure_ApplicationGuide.pdf

Application Form:

http://northerndevelopment.bc.ca/uploads/file/EconomicDiversificationInfrastructure_ApplicationForm.pdf

CELEBRATE CANADA PROGRAM

Provided by: Canadian Heritage

Unofficial Deadline: Sunday, February 28, 2010

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=190&linktype=nl>

MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE LENDING PROGRAM FOR HOUSING-RELATED PROJECTS

Provided by: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Unofficial Deadline: Thursday, March 31, 2011

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=184&linktype=nl>

SOLARBC PROGRAM

Provided by: Natural Resources Canada, Province of BC

Unofficial Deadline: Thursday, March 31, 2011

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

CULTURAL SPACES CANADA

Provided by: Canadian Heritage

Unofficial Deadline: None

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=189&linktype=nl>

LIAISON CONFERENCE CALL DATES

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

- Thursday June 18, 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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