



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

**June 30, 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.

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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

## **UBCM COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

The UBCM Community Excellence Awards program is an opportunity to showcase municipalities and regional districts who "lead the pack", take risks to innovate, establish new partnerships, question established ways of doing business and pioneer new customer service practices.

Does your community make the grade? The 2009 awards program encompasses the following categories:

- \* BEST PRACTICES
- \* BEST PRACTICES, Website
- \* BEST PRACTICES, Annual Reporting
- \* LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION
- \* PARTNERSHIPS - Health

Download the [2009 Application Form](#).

Applications are due Friday, July 24, 2009.

## **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.

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](http://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.

## **FUNDING NEWS**

### **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](mailto: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>

## **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 July 16, 2009 at 10am
- Thursday August 13, 2009 at 10am

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 Contacts:**

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