



MEASURING UP THE NORTH E-NEWS

July 14, 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).

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

NEWS RELEASE: \$3.2M SENIORS' HOUSING BREAKS GROUND IN CHETWYND

BC Housing has issued a news release that may be of interest to you.

To view, please visit the following link:

http://www.bchousing.org/news/news_releases/2009/07/03/7671_0907030907-535

<http://www.bchousing.org>

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT TO FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY IN NEW 2009-2011 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Capital Regional District Board has adopted the 2009-2011 Strategic Plan which includes an emphasis on regional sustainability, with a focus on five strategic priorities: climate action, environmental protection, housing, regional transportation and waste management. <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/302n.asp?newsid=3241&linktype=nl>

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.

FUNDING NEWS

TERASEN GAS GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Terasen is seeking applications from local agencies for funding in the range of \$10,000-\$30,000 for a capital project (ie., renovations, building, etc). The opportunity requires that Terasen Gas employees are also involved in the project. It is hoped that projects could be completed over a weekend or two. Funding **applications are required by this Thursday, July 16**, for funding and project completion in 2010.

Applicants are asked to provide a brief outline of their project (details of the project, tentative budget, etc). Please send your applications to United Way via email to either **Jocelyn Snih** jocelyns@unitedwaynbc.ca or **Lesley Anderson** lesleya@unitedwaynbc.ca and they will forward them to Terasen.

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@bcrpa.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>

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/>

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