



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 BOARD APS GUIDANCE

The Board released new guidance on installing low-volume audible signals and tactile features to enhance pedestrian accessibility, Common Problems Arising in the Installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals. The new guidance reviews various features of available products, using case studies and field evaluations to illustrate various best practices in relation to common site conditions and factors. The publication includes an installation checklist and other resources. www.completestreets.org (via CenterLines, the e-newsletter of the National Center for Bicycling & Walking)

NATIONAL COMPLETE STREETS COALITION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Provides a roundup of news related to complete streets policies -- policies to ensure that the entire right of way is routinely designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Please pass it around! And visit www.completestreets.org to stay informed.

CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GUIDE

The guide recommends 116 land use policies and programs that local governments can adopt to promote healthy living in our communities. It includes case studies and links to specific language and policy documents that can be used as templates.

Information: <http://www.smartgrowth.bc.ca/Portals/0/Downloads/CreatingHealthyCommunitiesGuide.pdf>

ON-LINE COURSES IN FUNDRAISING THROUGH BCIT

Essentials of Fundraising <http://www.bcit.ca/study/courses/fund1215>

Grant and Proposal Writing <http://www.bcit.ca/study/courses/fund2316>

THE NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TRUST

Will be broadening its Grant Writing Support program. It includes all municipalities, Regional Districts, and First Nations Bands in the Northern Development region. "The Grant Writing Support program ensures that communities and First Nations will be able to hire a grant writer to access programs and dollars from any funding source to provide needed investments in community infrastructure and services. This program has the highest return on investment of any program offered by Northern Development," said Northern Development Chair Bruce Sutherland. The Grant Writing Support application letter and application guide can be found at

www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/community-funding/grant-writing-support

BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES - GROWING SMARTER, LIVING HEALTHIER

EPA's Aging initiative will soon be releasing a new publication, "Growing Smarter, Living Healthier: A Guide to Smart Growth and Active Aging." It is intended for older adults who are interested in how our communities work and how we might help them become more age-friendly. The guidebook addresses the basic principles of neighborhood design and why community design matters and how becoming involved in community's decisions about growth can make it a better place to live. To place your order for a copy please go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/factsheets/order.htm>

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.

Information provided by Rural Team BC issued by Brandon Hughes

REPRESENTATIVE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Nominations Open - The Representative for Children and Youth's second annual awards recognize and encourage excellence in British Columbia's child and youth serving system, and reflect the established goals of the Representative's Office; specifically those that:

- Profile and recognize best practices in program and service delivery to children and youth, and by youth;
- Support initiatives to improve outcomes for all children with respect for their place, culture and community; and
- Draw on lessons learned to promote prevention initiatives and best practices.

These awards recognize and honour people and organizations whose work with children and youth exemplify innovation, respect, and a commitment to improving outcomes and professional excellence. A panel of qualified individuals will assist the Representative in selecting the winners. Winners will be recognized and honoured at award ceremonies in October 2009. The deadline for nominations is September 4. Find out more about making a nomination [here](#).

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY'S CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

For Community Economic Development Professionals is now available in Dawson Creek, Houston, Mission, Vanderhoof and Williams Lake. Reduced tuition fees, lower carbon footprint and no travel costs! The program can be completed in nine months. For more information contact Nicole Chaland at certced@sfu.ca

FUNDING NEWS

FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN BC

This link leads to a listing of over 200 community programs that is searchable by category, sector, and organization. The site, recently updated, is the result of a partnership between the BC Rural Team, BC Rural Network, BC Healthy Communities, Canadian Cancer Society's Community Capacity Building Strategy, Fraser Basin Council/Smart Planning for Communities, and Community Futures of Greater Trail. These pages provide information on sources of funding and support for community development in BC. The primary focus is support for social, economic, and environmental community development initiatives in rural areas, however the programs are not necessarily exclusive to rural. Contact information for each program is provided to facilitate direct access to current and updated program information. http://www.communityfutures.com/cms/Funding_Sources.2.0.html

THE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY FUND

Call for Proposals is now posted on the website. Status of Women Canada will focus its support on projects that address its 2009 priorities: Ending violence against women and girls, Improving women's and girls' economic security and prosperity, and Encouraging women and girls in leadership and decision-making roles.

Deadline: September 30, 2009

Information: <http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/fun-fin/wcf-fcf/index-eng.html>

ABORIGINAL RESEARCH PILOT PROGRAM GRANTS

The program facilitates research by and with aboriginal scholars and aboriginal communities on issues and topics relevant to Canada's Aboriginal Peoples, such as, but not limited to, urban issues, economic development, the environment, education, research ethics, intellectual and cultural property, traditional aboriginal knowledge, aboriginal knowledge systems, languages and cultures, and international aboriginal communities.

Deadline: September 30, 2009

Information: http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/site/apply-demande/program_descriptions-descriptions_de_programmes/aboriginal-autochtone-eng.aspx

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>

EVERYBODY ACTIVE SEED GRANTS

These \$2,000 seed grants are administered through the BC Recreation and Parks Association and are available now to support community mobilization around access to physical activity for adults, age 35-54. [Download application forms here.](#)

Grant closes August 16, 2009.

For more information, contact Coordinator Donna Lee at 604.629.0965 x 257 or email dlee@bcrpa.bc.ca .

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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