



## **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](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**

## **CANADIAN BIOENERGY ASSOCIATION EVENT**

CanBio is holding a special event on August 27th and 28th, 2009 targeted at Canadian communities that want to save money by using modern biomass heating in municipal or residential buildings.

On August 27th, a special Workshop "Biomass Energy - Business Beyond Mill Residue" will be held at the Sheraton Wall Centre in Vancouver. [View the workshop agenda.](#)

On August 28th, CanBio has managed to secure a tour of Dockside Green in Victoria, one of only 16 communities on the planet named a "Climate Positive Development". It was environmentally designed from the ground up, including roof garden, heat and hot water from waste wood using Canadian gasification technology by Nexterra, waste water treatment, and more. This could be YOUR community. The tour is capped at 55 participants, and we are holding 25 spaces for community representatives. Do NOT miss this rare opportunity!

Visit the [Canadian Bioenergy Association website](#) for more information.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **NEW SIGNS ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATE PARKING**

Energeticcity.ca - Fort St. John, BC, Canada

Slater says she hopes **the** cards get **the** message across. Slater says **Measuring up the North** is working with **the** Social Planning and Research Council of BC to...

## **PLACARDS AIMED AT DISCOURAGING PARKING IN HANDICAP SPACES**

Prince George Citizen - Prince George, British Columbia, Canada

"Imagine being in our place, please don't park in our space" is **the** message **Measuring up the North** hopes to spread through a placard campaign for accessible...

## **MEASURING UP THE NORTH | CHANGEMAKERS**

**Measuring up the North** describes itself as "creating livable, senior-friendly, disability-friendly universally designed communities in Northern British..."

## **CITY OF TERRACE - MEASURING UP THE NORTH: TERRACE**

As part of the **Measuring Up the North** initiative made up of 41 communities in the North, the City of Terrace Council appointed volunteer community members ...

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS RECEIVE COMMUNITY ADJUSTMENT FUNDING**

The City of Prince George, Village of McBride, City of Terrace and District of Stewart will receive funding from the Community Adjustment Fund for various community projects.

<http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/302n.asp?newsid=3285&linktype=nl>

## **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>

## **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>

## **A2R WEBINAR SERIES: AUGUST 27 INTERPRETIVE TRAILS**

The third webinar in the series featuring Access to Recreation projects funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation will be held on August 27. The free 90-minute webinar session will feature interpretive trail projects in Kettering, Ohio and Springfield, Illinois. If you missed the two previous sessions on playgrounds, boating and fishing, the webinar archive, transcript and speaker notes are available on the NCA website. Pre-registration for the August session is requested. The series is sponsored by the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Foundation and provides a great opportunity for practitioners to learn about exemplar universal design projects.

## **NCA AT THE GRAND CANYON**

The NCA team was at the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park in July. The NCA team conducted a physical and programmatic assessment of key visitor experiences and assets at the North Rim. In addition to the field assessment, the NCA team met with park staff and conducted a half-day training program. As follow up to the field assessment, NCA will provide the park with recommendations for improving access to facilities and programs.

## **UPCOMING NCA TRAINING**

The following is the tentative NCA training calendar for 2009-2010. Full course descriptions and registration information will be posted to the NCA web site later this fall:

### **Retrofitting for Accessibility**

Lake Mead, Nevada

January 25-29, 2010

### **A Universal Approach to Interpretive Planning, Programs and Design**

San Antonio, Texas

March 8-12, 2010

### **21st Century Trails**

Bradford Woods, Martinsville, Indiana

April 28-29, 2010

### **Accessibility Coordinators Training**

Portland, Oregon

June 22-25, 2010

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).

## 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](mailto:certced@sfu.ca)

### **TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT: A SMALL AND MID-SIZE COMMUNITIES TOOLKIT FROM THE FRASER BASIN COUNCIL**

The TDM toolkit offers insights on how to expand transportation options and reduce overall vehicle use in your community. The toolkit has case studies to illustrate successful bicycle and active transportation programs, intercommunity transit, carpooling, car-sharing and parking strategies. The toolkit is a part of the Fraser Basin Council's Transportation Demand Management for Small and Mid-Size Communities program to assist BC local governments – in particular those serving communities under 150,000 people – in planning sustainable transportation systems. Sustainable transportation offers multiple benefits, including the opportunity to save money, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and improve the quality of life for residents. [www.tdm.bc.ca](http://www.tdm.bc.ca)

### **CULTURAL SPACES CANADA**

Funded by Canadian Heritage – The program is designed to increase and improve access for Canadians to performing arts, visual arts, media arts, and to museum collections, heritage displays and exhibitions. CSC supports the renovation and expansion/construction of arts and heritage facilities, and the acquisition of specialized equipment as well as preparation of feasibility studies for cultural infrastructure projects. [Cultural Spaces Canada](#)

### **ENTERPRISING NON-PROFITS**

David LePage, is about to embark on another whirlwind tour of BC to deliver our latest round of *enp* Orientation Sessions. For the first time ever we are offering two types of workshops: An Introduction to Social Enterprise and Strengthening Social Enterprise. Attendance at either orientation session type qualifies groups to apply for a matching technical assistance grant for social enterprise planning in BC. David will visit Sechelt, Dawson Creek, Port McNeill, Smithers, Vancouver, Prince George, Quesnel, Williams Lake, Golden, Victoria, Surrey, Kelowna, Penticton, Castlegar, and Nakusp. Register early to reserve your spot. Visit our website for [more information](#), dates, and registration.

# **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](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-demanded/program\\_descriptions-descriptions\\_de\\_programmes/aboriginal-autochtone-eng.aspx](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/site/apply-demanded/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](mailto: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:

- September 11, 2009 @ 10am
- October 9, 2009 @ 10am
- November 13, 2009 @ 10am
- December 11, 2009 @ 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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