



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

FUTURE THREATS TO, AND POSSIBILITIES FOR, DISABILITY STUDIES

You are cordially invited to the following talk. **To register**, please email your full name, phone number & requests for special accommodations (including ASL interpretations) to the Critical Disability Studies Students' Association at York University at cds_grad@yorku.ca by **October 12th, 2009**. See **POSTER** for more information.

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>

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.

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

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

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>

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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