



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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY PROFILES

We need your help to create YOUR community profile. All you need to do is fill in the survey below and send Kory the photos you would like in your Profile. These profiles will be great PR tools for you and will also be great for us with the project as a whole. WE ARE DOING THE WORK FOR YOU! You will receive back a great looking profile that you can use for your PR!

MUTN Community Profiles: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB229FKK3S453>

REVENUE CANADA AGENCY

Under the Income Tax Act, 20(1) (qq) and 20(1) (rr), the Federal government allows businesses/commercial building owners to deduct the amount they paid during the taxation year to make renovations or alterations to a building that enables individuals who have a mobility impairment gain access to the building or to be mobile within it.

Businesses are also allowed to deduct prescribed disability-related devices or equipment, such as: elevator car position indicator, such as a Braille panel or an audio signal for individuals having a visual impairment; visual fire alarm, listening device for group meetings or telephone devices for individuals who have a hearing impairment. For further information, contact Canada Revenue Agency: Tel: 1-800-959-5525

Website: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/menu.html

BC COMMUNITY ACCESSIBILITY NETWORK - ACCESSIBILITY 100

Accessibility Tip #43 - New! The Accessible Community Bylaws Guide

Building capacity for positive change has a lot to do with sharing information, especially information about toolkits, resources, and research projects concerning accessibility and inclusion. SPARC BC would like to share our latest project with you in the hopes it will help in your work. If you have something you would like to share with the network, please contact klai@sparc.bc.ca

The Accessible Community Bylaws Guide is a landmark project to be introduced to municipalities across BC at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention today in Vancouver.

A vast document covering nine model accessibility by-laws with hundreds of recommendations and one employment policy, it is designed to give BC municipalities a practical tool for planning, and serve as a knowledge resource for anyone wanting a comprehensive understanding of community accessibility.

The Accessible Community Bylaws Guide aims to:

-Give British Columbia municipalities a set of tools which they can use to construct more accessible communities for people with disabilities, as well as include people with disabilities in decisions that affect their lives.

-Utilize the strength of local government to enhance the accessibility of a community, which has many positive outcomes.

-Contribute to higher quality of life for community members, ensure the long-term viability of a community through sustainable infrastructure, and set an example for community partners and other communities.

Read more about the project at <http://www.sparc.bc.ca/the-accessible-community-bylaws-guide>

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.

Information provided by Rural Team BC issued by Brandon Hughes

THE SIXTH RURAL COMMUNITIES SUMMIT

A joint conference of the BC Rural Network, Rural Team BC and the Municipality of Port Hardy March 16-18, 2010 Port Hardy Civic Centre - The BC Rural Network, in partnership with the District of Port Hardy and Rural Team BC, will host the 6th BC Rural Communities Summit in Port Hardy, BC. This biennial forum will take place at the Port Hardy Civic Centre, March 16-18, 2010. *Transforming Rural Economies: Change and Innovation* offers participants the opportunity to explore today's most innovative strategies in building a sustainable rural economy.

Summit workshops and presentations will feature industry leaders with the goal of:

- Creating and enhancing awareness around issues of importance to rural and remote communities across all regions of BC.
- Providing participants with practical tools and strategies that can be translated into actions in their communities.
- Offering valuable opportunities to network with and learn from rural colleagues.

For more information, contact: Maureen LeBourdais 250-392-1400 summit@bcruralnetwork.ca
www.bcruralsummit.ca

FUNDING NEWS

ACT (AFFORDABILITY AND CHOICE TODAY) PROGRAM - SPRING 2009

Provided by: Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Partners

Information: [Click Here](#)

Unofficial Deadline: Friday, November 20, 2009

CONNECTING CITIZENS GRANT PROGRAM

Provided by: Province of BC - Ministry of Citizens' Services

Information: [Click Here](#)

Unofficial Deadline: Monday, November 23, 2009

AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND

Provided by: Aviva Insurance Canada

Information: [Click Here](#)

Unofficial Deadline: Sunday, November 29, 2009

CELEBRATE CANADA PROGRAM

Provided by: Canadian Heritage

Information: [Click Here](#)

Unofficial Deadline: Sunday, February 28, 2010

MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE LENDING PROGRAM FOR HOUSING-RELATED PROJECTS

Provided by: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

information: [Click Here](#)

Unofficial Deadline: Thursday, March 31, 2011

LIAISON CONFERENCE CALL DATES

Here is a list of dates for all the Liaison conference calls with Laurie:

- November 20, 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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