

# **MEASURING UP THE NORTH (MUTN) 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 to add, please send them to the MUTN Project Assistants: Kamrul Hasan (khasan.mutn@yahoo.com) or Kory Heyland ([kheyland@bcpara.org](mailto:kheyland@bcpara.org)).

**Website:** [www.measureupthenorth.com](http://www.measureupthenorth.com) Check our website for information on our Partners, News and Events, Resources and our Forum

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LANGFORD WINS CMHC NATIONAL HOUSING AWARD**

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation recognized the City's Affordable Housing Strategy, which includes Visitable housing, inclusive zoning, mandatory secondary suites, and diverse housing options.

Details: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/302n.asp?newsid=2981>

### **BC COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Nominate a deserving individual in your community for a BC Community Achievement Award. Nominees will have made a significant contribution through a unique achievement or outstanding service -either as a volunteer or in the course of their work - in any area that provides a benefit to the community. Deadline for nominations: November 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Nora Newlands at 604-261-3348 or 1-866-882-6088 or visit [www.bcachievement.com](http://www.bcachievement.com)

### **POWELL RIVER BUSINESS AND ACCESS GUIDE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The publishers of this guide, the Powell River Model Community Project for Persons with Disabilities Society (MCP) welcomes you to their first online "Business & Access Guide" with a new Accessible Tourism section and maps of Powell River & Regional District located on the Sunshine Coast of BC. The purpose of the guide is to help distribute information on the level of accessibility of our local businesses and organizations, and by doing so, motivate everyone to focus on accessibility and inclusion for all.

<http://www.praccess.ca/>

### **BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES - PROMOTING AWARENESS OF CULTURE AND DIVERSITY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

This Tips Tool, developed by the Ethno-Racial People with Disabilities Coalition of Ontario (<http://www.ryerson.ca/erdco/index.htm>) will provides information about disability-related access and cultural accommodations to assist with the development of programs, strategies, outreach initiatives and the delivery of events that are welcoming and inclusive of ethno-racial people with disabilities.

[http://www.whiwh.com/BIC\\_tips.pdf](http://www.whiwh.com/BIC_tips.pdf)

## FUNDING NEWS

### **NEW \$30 MILLION BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO ATTRACT BUSINESS TO CENTRAL AND NORTHERN BC**

The [Northern BC Business Advantage](#) is a new program of the Northern Development Initiative Trust improves businesses' bottom line by up to \$10,000 per new job created based on direct capital investment and training expenditures. The program lowers the cost of implementing productivity increasing capital equipment, and offers the flexibility to cover any combination of training provider costs and/or on the job training costs for new employees. Funds are paid directly to the business based on performance.

**LEAP BC** The Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) Community Developer for Vancouver's Westside - LEAP BC: PLAY, LEARN, GROW. LEAP BC (Literacy, Education, Activity and Play) is a new province-wide initiative focused on providing resources and ongoing support to increase literacy, healthy eating, and physical activity in settings where children in their early years (birth to five) live, learn, and play. LEAP BC is a 2010 Legacies Now program, created in partnership with ActNow BC, the Province of British Columbia and the University of Victoria. Through its funding partnership with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and its hosting partnership with the Community Action Program for Children (CAPC), LEAP BC has been hosting workshops across the province to delivery training on their three resources:

- 1) Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers Family Resource (HOP)
- 2) MOVE with Med from Birth to Three
- 3) TALK. For more information

For more information visit: [http://www.2010legaciesnow.com/leap\\_bc/](http://www.2010legaciesnow.com/leap_bc/)

### **2009 AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM**

Age-friendly Community Planning grants are intended to assist local governments in British Columbia to best support aging populations, develop and implement policies and plans that enable seniors to age in place and facilitate the creation of age-friendly communities. Eligible applicants are local governments (municipalities and regional districts) in British Columbia. Applications that indicate working collaboratively with one or more partner (e.g. health authority, board of education, community-based organization, First Nation or Aboriginal organization or other local government) will be ranked higher. The maximum grant is \$10,000 and matching funds and/or cost sharing are not required. Recognizing that older persons benefit from many of the same supports that also benefit persons with disabilities. The Age-Friendly Communities Initiative is encouraging Measuring Up communities to get involved. Deadline: November 14, 2008

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### **NEW HORIZONS FOR SENIORS PROGRAM (CAPITAL ASSISTANCE COMPONENT)**

Capital Assistance provides grant funding up to \$25,000.00 for upgrading community facilities and equipment related to existing programs for seniors. The New Horizons for Seniors helps to ensure that seniors across Canada can benefit from and contribute to the quality of life in their communities through social participation. The closing date is November 14, 2008 for B.C. and Yukon. For further information contact: Telephone: Toll free 1 - 866 - 317 - 8555 or check the website:

[http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/community\\_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/community_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml)

**Email:** [bc-yt-northvancouver-nhsp-pnha@hrsdc-rhdsc.gc.ca](mailto:bc-yt-northvancouver-nhsp-pnha@hrsdc-rhdsc.gc.ca)

## **UBCM COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION FUND**

Information and further details about the UBCM Community Health Promotion Fund can be found by following this link: <http://www.civicnet.bc.ca/siteengine/activepage.asp?PageID=244&bhcp=1>

- Sidewalk safety for older persons and those using mobility aids - this could be a survey on the scope of the problem combined with prevention
- Safe pedestrian walking routes for older persons in parks and other areas for exercise pedestrian crossing times and priority location of audio crossing signals and timed signals the role of older persons in advising municipal governments on built environments to reduce the risk of slips, trips or falls
- Could include a scan of existing methods of input from older person, with instigation and evaluation of new methods of input walking groups, who advise local government on priority areas for repair of pedestrian hazards

Although the deadline for the Expression of was - Oct. 10, 2008 - the final application is not until Nov. 21, 2008. This is a great opportunity, with funds up to \$25,000.

### **COMMUNITY TOURISM PROGRAM**

Union of British Columbia Municipalities Application deadline: November 30, 2008.

**Information:** <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=59>

### **RURAL PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Agriculture Canada. Application deadline: November 30, 2008.

**Information:** <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=169>

### **TOWNS FOR TOMORROW AND LOCALMOTION PROGRAMS**

Improving local infrastructure has become easier for more communities as a result of the launch of the expanded Towns for Tomorrow program and the latest round of LocalMotion funding. Applications are now being accepted for both programs. Deadline for Applications is: January 16, 2009.

**Details:** <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/302n.asp?newsid=2955>

### **LET'S PLAY: ACCESSIBLE PLAY SPACES PROGRAM**

Rick Hansen Foundation and Province of BC. Application Deadline: January 15, 2009.

**Information:** <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=137>

### **NECHAKO-KITIMAAT DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund Society. Application deadline: January 20, 2009.

**Information:** <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=29>

## **LIASION CONFERENCE CALLS**

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

- Friday November 21, 2008
- Friday December 12, 2008
- Friday January 16, 2009
- Friday February 20, 2009
- Friday March 20, 2009
- Friday April 17, 2009
- Friday May 22, 2009
- Friday June 26, 2009

Please mark these dates on your calendars. Join Laurie to talk about how your communities are progressing.

**MUTN WEBSITE UPDATES**  
**<http://www.measureupthenorth.com/>**

**CONFERENCES/WORKSHOP PAGE**

<http://www.measureupthenorth.com/Conferences-Workshops.aspx>

This is a new page that has been added to the MUTN website to organize the increasing number of resources relating to conferences and workshops. Here, you will find details about upcoming conferences as well as reports and information from conferences that have been held recently.

The MUTN Kickstart Workshop II community presentations have been uploaded to this section of the website. Those communities who presented verbally at the workshop are requested to send their presentations or a written report. If you are interested in obtaining materials or contact information related to any of the speakers, please contact us. Due to space limitations, we are unable to upload all material on website.

**E-News:**

This bi-weekly e-news will be regularly uploaded to our site. Please, go the homepage and you will find an “e-news” link there.

**Kudos Page:** <http://www.measureupthenorth.com/Kudos.aspx>

Measuring up the North, Terrace has published a number of Kudos. If you have any that you would like included, please send it to us so we can upload here.

**News, Dates and Events page:** [http://www.measureupthenorth.com/News\\_Dates\\_Events.aspx](http://www.measureupthenorth.com/News_Dates_Events.aspx)

**October, 2008 News Articles**

- “Quesnel Measuring Up Committee drafts strategies”, Quesnel Cariboo Observer
- “Unique Park for Seniors at Dawson Creek”, North East News
- “MUP Workshop in City today”, Prince George Free Press

Check the **Archives** section of the site for has past news articles. If your community has had any news article published, please don't forget to send it to us!

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