



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 Assistants: Kamrul Hasan (khasan.mutn@yahoo.com) or 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

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The annual observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, **December 3rd, 2008**, aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. The theme of the Day is based on the goal of full and equal enjoyment of human rights and participation in society by persons with disabilities, established by the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, adopted by General Assembly in 1982. <http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=109>

POWELL RIVER BUSINESS AND ACCESS GUIDE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Powell River Model Community Project for Persons with Disabilities Society (MCP) is offering 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 local businesses and organizations, and by doing so, motivate everyone to focus on accessibility and inclusion for all. <http://www.pprocess.ca/>

DIPLOMA IN DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATION, SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

November Information Session for 2009 Admissions - Learn to design a framework and process for collaborative decision-making from internationally respected instructors. Interactive and experiential, this cohort-based program is ideal for professionals who are charged with leading change through negotiating agreements, developing policies and programs, and managing conflict. Led by experienced faculty, this nine-month program will help professionals from diverse sectors learn to design and implement agreement-seeking processes. Application details are available at <http://www.sfu.ca/dialog/current.htm>. More information is available at the upcoming information session on November 25, 2008, 6:30 pm, Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre, Vancouver. Registration is required, so please email dialogue-info@sfu.ca or call 778-782-7925 to reserve a space.

NETWORKING EVENT IN CAMPBELL RIVER

The new Women's Resource Sector Network will be launched November 27th. The Women's Resource Sector Network supports opportunities for women in Canada's resource sector by fostering cooperation and collaborative opportunities for women within and between resource industries and sectors.

Meet and Greet Mixer – November 27th between 4:00pm - 7:00pm at the Coast Discovery to celebrate launch of WRSN <http://www.wrsn.org/>. RSVP to info@wrsn.org or call 250-338-2492 or 1-866-619-9549.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TRAILS IN THE CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT

The Cariboo Regional District Board of Directors reviewed the new Wheelchair Accessible Trails Inventory and Assessment. In April 2008, the Board approved using Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Tourism funding to complete a Wheelchair Accessible Trails Inventory and Assessment. Kary Fell of CARE Consulting conducted the study of approximately 46 sites and viewpoints and has identified seven trails or proposed sites including; 108 Lake and Sepa Lake Trails, Farwell Canyon, Tatlayoko Lake, Horsefly Salmon Habitat Trail, Quesnel Forks, Kersley Lease Land and Cottonwood Historic Site Trail that hold the most promise for being developed into wheelchair accessible trails. The full report is available online at <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca>

UBCM FUNDING FOR WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TRAILS

Cariboo Regional District Director (Area C) Director Ronda Wilkins has provided \$5,507 in Union of British Columbia (UBCM) Tourism Funding to School District 28 to support the development of a wheelchair accessible trail at the Cottonwood House Historic Site. This trail will contribute to the goal of making the Cariboo Chilcotin a wheelchair and low-mobility travel destination and will help increase tourism and healthy living in the North Cariboo.

AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (APHA) FORUM ON HEALTHY COMMUNITIES FOR HEALTHY AGING

In May 2008, the APHA announced a new Forum on Healthy Communities for Healthy Aging. The focus of the forum will be to encourage healthy communities for healthy aging through the adoption of smart growth principles to improve the quality of life for older adults. It is expected that healthy communities will be created when improvements are made to the built environment, increased transportation and housing options exist for older adults of all incomes, communities are re-engineered to encourage daily walking, and active aging programming is fostered within neighborhoods. Presentations from this year's American Public Health Association annual meeting can be found at

<http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/epareports.htm#presentationsatannualconferences>

For more information about the APHA forum, please see <http://www.apha.org/membergroups/forums/>

INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECTS AND EVENTS

(City of Miramar, Florida Intergenerational Programs)

During the past 5 years, the City of Miramar's senior centers and Early Childhood Program have partnered to create dynamic and innovative intergenerational programs to build bridges across generations. This year, the elders and children participated in the Rachel Carson Sense of Wonder Contest. Senior center participants were asked to remember their own childhood and to recall what natural discoveries especially sparked their curiosity. They gathered these objects and created a very special "Sense of Wonder Science Center" for the children participating in the Pre-Kindergarten Program. At the unveiling, they did their best to capture these colorful moments through photography submitted to the Rachel Carson Sense of Wonder Contest.

Miramar is a leader in intergenerational programming; as they not only plan intergenerational activities but also have actually combined Senior Services and Early Childhood Services into one department, so as to truly serve the entire lifecycle and blend programming and experiences.

For more information see <http://www.ci.miramar.fl.us/socialservices/intergenerational.html>

COMMUNITY TRUST FUNDS PRINCE GEORGE TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

PRINCE GEORGE – The City of Prince George will receive \$166,411 for safety improvements on the Cranbrook Hill Greenway Trails, thanks to funding from the Community Development Trust's Job Opportunities Program. The project, which will employ displaced forest workers, is part of the \$129 million, 3 year program announced this year. Source: The Province of British Columbia.

CROWN GRANT TO ESTABLISH WELCOME PARK AT 100 MILE HOUSE

100 MILE HOUSE - Approximately 1.7 hectares of land was transferred to 100 Mile House from the Province today as part of the Free Crown Grant and Nominal Rent Tenures programs. The land, worth an estimated \$129,000, will function not only as a park but also as a heritage spot. Source: The Province of British Columbia.

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 to improve 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/

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES FALL/WINTER GRANT

Registered Active Communities can apply for an ACI grant for up to \$5000 to develop or implement a community plan, or to develop or maintain walkways, trails and/or bicycle paths.

Application deadline: November 28, 2008

Information: <http://www.activecommunities.bc.ca/wp/grants/active-communities-grants>

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>

COMMUNITY TOURISM PROGRAM - GRANT PROVIDER: UBCM

Application deadline: November 30, 2008.

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

INNOVATIVE CLEAN ENERGY (ICE) FUND. GRANT PROVIDER: MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY, TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Application deadline: December 10, 2008.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=160>

TREES FOR TOMORROW PROGRAM. GRANT PROVIDER: MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Application deadline: December 15, 2008.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=158>

BC HEALTHY COMMUNITIES SEED GRANTS

Thanks to the BCHC and BCHLA Community Update for this information - BCHC is launching its fourth round of seed grants this week. BCHC Seed Grants are small, one-time-only funding opportunities that support communities to undertake activities and processes that will develop effective community building practices. For further information visit <http://www.bchealthycommunities.ca/Content/News/Index.asp>

BC150 VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

This new grant honours volunteers and the contribution they make to British Columbia. BC150 VIP will recognize 30,000 eligible British Columbian volunteers who donate their time to a charitable event with a \$50 donation in their name. The program will run until Dec. 31, 2009. All volunteers for eligible events will receive a congratulatory card from the Premier. Applications are available online <http://www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/gaming/grants/bc150-volunteer.htm> or by calling the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch at (250) 387-5311.

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>

2ND ROUND OF RICK HANSEN 'LET'S PLAY' GRANT

For more information on the grant being offered by "Let's Play," a joint initiative of the Rick Hansen Foundation and the Province of British Columbia, refer to the links below or feel free to contact Habitat or the Rick Hansen Foundation directly. "Let's Play" is a recently launched project that offers grants for the creation of accessible public play spaces for young children in BC and builds awareness about accessible play and related best practices. Schools, municipalities, and other community organizations interested in constructing new play spaces or renovating existing ones can apply for grants of \$15,000 or between \$15,000 and \$50,000 for projects that improve accessibility for caregivers and children with mobility-related disabilities. The play spaces must focus on accommodating children ages 0-6 and be open and freely available for community use. Application deadline: Thursday, January 23rd, 2009 at 4:30pm.

General Grant Information:

http://www.rickhansen.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=186&Itemid=10000039

http://www.rickhansen.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=186&Itemid=10000039&media=brochure&program=letsplay

New for 2008/09 - 2 Different Grants Available:

http://www.rickhansen.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=185&Itemid=10000040

Application Form - You Can Submit Application via E-mail this year:

http://www.rickhansen.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=183&Itemid=10000041

This is an excellent opportunity to receive grant monies for an accessible play place in your city. If this opportunity is of interest to you, we would be pleased to work with your municipality and assist you in submitting a grant application. Please call toll free 1 (866) HABITAT (422-4828) to speak with a Habitat representative in your area.

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>

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 CALL DATES

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

- 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/>

ACCESSIBLE PARKS RESOURCES

Included below are links to 3 Accessible Parks resources - the Report that explains the purpose and puts things into context, the Toolkit provides a step-by-step approach to conducting an assessment and a spreadsheet template for inputting data and analyzing results.

http://www.2010legaciesnow.com/fileadmin/user_upload/Accessible_Tourism/Accessible_Parks_Final_Toolkit.pdf

http://www.2010legaciesnow.com/fileadmin/user_upload/Accessible_Tourism/Accessible_Parks_Final_Report.pdf

http://www.2010legaciesnow.com/fileadmin/user_upload/Accessible_Tourism/Accessible_Parks_Final_Inventory.xls

THE MUTN FORUM

<http://measureupthenorth.ning.com/main/authorization/signIn?target=http%3A%2F%2Fmeasureupthenorth.ning.com%2F>

The MUTN Forum has been created to give people an opportunity to share information about their accessibility, inclusion and age friendly activities. We would like your help and input to make the forum work for you! Please take a few minutes to fill out the following survey:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228J866UHYG>

Your feedback is very important for us!

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