

## Measuring Up The North (MUTN) E-News

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Dear MUTN Communities: The MUTN E-News is a bi-weekly news update distributed to our MUTN Liaisons, Communities and to other interested parties. Please find information on announcements, news from MUTN communities, upcoming events, funding, latest updates on our website. If you have any announcements or other funding opportunities to add, please send them along to the MUTN Project Assistants: Kamrul Hasan ([khasan.mutn@yahoo.com](mailto:khasan.mutn@yahoo.com)) or to Kory Heyland ([kheyland@bcpara.org](mailto:kheyland@bcpara.org)). **Please feel free to distribute this e-news.**

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

### MUTN October Year II Kickstart Workshop:

On October 2-3 2008 we had a highly successful workshop with 50 people in attendance. The theme was: *"Increasing Employment of Persons with Disabilities and Older Adults through Community and Small Business Changes"* We had 18 MUTN Communities represented; speakers from the North as well as from Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo and Radium Hot Springs. We had guest speakers from the Ministry of Housing and Social Development, the Canadian Mental Health Association, Home Depot, 2010 Legacies Now: Measuring Up and 2010 Legacies Now: Accessible Tourism, Prince George Chamber of Commerce, Pirsell and Associates, Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport. A comprehensive package of materials was developed and distributed at the workshop. If you are a MUTN Liaison and could not attend but would like a package: contact: Kory Heyland at [kheyland@bcpara.org](mailto:kheyland@bcpara.org).

### Press Releases

#### PRESS RELEASE From Quesnel

With the installation of automatic door openers at the Quesnel Curling Club our community took another step in the direction of becoming "the most disability-friendly and senior friendly community in the North". This is the goal the Measure up Quesnel Committee set itself when it undertook to do an assessment of the challenges faced by Quesnel residents with disabilities and seniors.

Earlier this year the Quesnel and District Child Development Centre partnered with the City of Quesnel to apply for a grant from 2010 Legacies Now. This grant allowed the committee to hire a project coordinator to undertake an in-depth community assessment of the city's accessibility needs and to develop a

strategic plan to address those needs. In the course of her work Liz Neave facilitated 8 focus groups comprised of 100 people. In addition she interviewed many other individuals hearing directly from them about the issues they face in accessing the things they need in our community. Her report written with the support of the Measure Up Quesnel Committee contains a number of strategies for reaching the goal of becoming a more attractive place for seniors and people with disabilities to live.

The strategic plan which is available on the Child Development Centre's website or on the City of Quesnel Website represent the most in-depth examination of accessibility issues faced by people with disabilities and seniors ever undertaken in Quesnel and will provide us with a set of goals and the strategies for reaching them.

The automatic door openers at the Curling Club were made possible by a 5000 dollar grant from 2010 Legacies Now and 1750 dollars from each of the two Rotary Clubs. This is not the first time the two Rotary clubs have teamed up to address accessibility needs in Quesnel. A few years ago they were instrumental in raising money to purchase and install lifting and tracking at the recreation centre. This equipment makes it possible for those with mobility challenges to gain access to the swimming pool.

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## **Announcements**

**BC COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS.** Deadline for nominations: November 15th. 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. 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:**

“As the publishers of this guide, the Powell River Model Community Project for Persons with Disabilities Society (MCP) welcomes you to our 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 this 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 provide you with information about disability-related access and cultural accommodations to assist you 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:**

#### **COMMUNITY TOURISM PROGRAM.**

Grant provider: Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

Application deadline: November 30, 2008.

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

**Everybody Active Seed Grants:** The BC Healthy Living Alliance ‘Everybody Active Seed Grants’ aim to increase physical activity among individuals who live in disadvantaged situations by encouraging communities to work together and advocate for policies and programs that remove barriers to participation. Everybody Active will award 60 seed grants of \$1,500 each, totaling \$90,000, to communities and non-profit organizations across BC. These grants are stepping-stone funds to support community mobilization around access to physical activity for adults, age 35-54.

The purpose of these funds is to bring stakeholders together, to discuss, learn and plan for communitywide action to increase access to physical activity in the target age group. These funds are not for implementing programs or services or subsidizing participation.

**DEADLINE: October 31, 2008**

For more information please visit:

<http://www.physicalactivitystrategy.ca/index.php/everybody-active/grants/>

### **2009 Age-friendly Community Planning Grant Program**

<http://www.civicnet.bc.ca/siteengine/ActivePage.asp?PageID=217>

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**

**For more information contact:** Danyta Welch at UBCM.

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### **UBCM Community Health Promotion Fund**

Contact information and further details on 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>  
<<http://www.civicnet.bc.ca/siteengine/activepage.asp?PageID=244&bhcp=1>>

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

- 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

### **A ROUND-UP OF PROVINCIAL GRANTS ANNOUNCED THIS PAST WEEK.**

The Province of British Columbia announced two grant stories this past week of interest to local governments. They include tourism funding and infrastructure grants.

Details: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/302n.asp?newsid=2956>

### **TOWNS FOR TOMORROW AND LOCALMOTION PROGRAMS NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS.**

Improving local infrastructure has become easier for even 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.

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

### **NECHAKO-KITAMAAT DEVELOPMENT FUND.**

Grant provider: Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society.

Application deadline: October 28, 2008.

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

**New Horizons for Seniors Program (Capital Assistance component)** is now underway. The closing date is November

14, 2008 for B.C. and Yukon . Capital Assistance provides grant funding up to \$25,000.00 for upgrading community facilities and equipment related to existing programs for seniors. Across Canada , the New Horizons for Seniors helps to ensure that seniors can benefit from, and contribute to the quality of life in their communities through social participation. For further information, you can call 604 988 - 1880

(3245) or toll free 1 - 866 - 317 - 8555 or check our 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)

**Connecting Citizens Grant Program** – Thanks for UBCM CivicInfo - Grant provider: Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services. Application deadline: November 7, 2008. Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=159> and the Community Tourism Program - Grant provider: Union of British Columbia Municipalities Application deadline: November 30, 2008. Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=59>

**BC Healthy Living Alliance and BC Healthy Communities Injury Prevention Program** – Northern BC Deadline for Applications: October 31, 2008.

Northern Health's Injury Prevention Program offers grants of \$500-\$1000 to interested community groups who would like to participate in an injury prevention initiative or project. These forms will also be available soon on the Northern Health website...either follow the pedestrian safety link on the homepage which will take you directly to the Injury Prevention page, or you can click on Your Health, then Programs & Services, then Injury Prevention.

[http://www.northernhealth.ca/Your\\_Health/Programs/InjuryPrevention.asp](http://www.northernhealth.ca/Your_Health/Programs/InjuryPrevention.asp)

**New \$30 Million Business Incentive Program to Attract Business to Central and Northern BC** - New program by 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 - Program lowers the cost of implementing productivity increasing capital equipment - Program offers the flexibility to cover any combination of training provider costs and/or on the job training costs for new employees - Program funds are directly paid to the business based on performance – Northern British Columbia's business advantages are being showcased in a new \$30 million business attraction program launched today by Northern Development Initiative Trust (Northern Development). The [Northern BC Business Advantage](#) program includes a capital investment and training rebate program that provides businesses with incentives for job creation.

**The Aboriginal Health Initiative Program (AHIP)** was launched in 2002 as a regional community based funding program to support and encourage Aboriginal communities to identify health promotion projects that are culturally meaningful to them. Successful projects include mechanisms to gather community input and ways to measure project outcomes. AHIP initiatives help achieve the goals outlined in the [Aboriginal Health and Wellness Plan 2008-2011](#). The VCH - AHIP Call for Expressions of Interest for the 2009-2010 fiscal year funding application form and funding guide is now available online at [www.vch.ca/ahip/](http://www.vch.ca/ahip/) The deadline is Friday, November 7, 2008 at 4:00 pm. You can also contact Diana Day, Leader, Aboriginal Community Development/Engagement Aboriginal Health Strategic Initiatives, Vancouver Coastal Health (604) 875-5600 Ext. 63137 Phone  
Email: [diana.day@vch.ca](mailto:diana.day@vch.ca)  
[www.vch.ca/ahip](http://www.vch.ca/ahip)

**LEAP BC** - Thanks to 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, and 3. TALK. For more information, please visit: [http://www.2010legaciesnow.com/leap\\_bc/](http://www.2010legaciesnow.com/leap_bc/) .

**Technical assistance grants available for Aboriginal not-for-profit organizations** - Technical Assistance Program (TAP), a program of the Centre for Not-for-Profit Sustainability, is now accepting applications from Aboriginal not-for-profits in BC that would like to enhance their organizational effectiveness.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, November 7, 2008. For more information visit: <http://www.centreforsustainability.ca/programs/TAP.html> .

A TAP information session is being held on Wednesday October 15th at 9am in Vancouver . Please join us to learn more about our new approaches, the current TAP grant cycle, and to get your grant questions answered in person.

Registration is required. Email Juliet Correia, Programs Director: [pd@centreforsustainability.ca](mailto:pd@centreforsustainability.ca).

**GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION 2008.**

Grant provider: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Application deadline: November 3, 2008.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=152>

**GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PLANS 2008.**

Grant provider: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Application deadline: Open

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=150>

**RURAL PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

Grant provider: Agriculture Canada .

Application deadline: November 30, 2008.

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

**CONNECTING CITIZENS GRANT PROGRAM.**

Grant provider: Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services.

Application deadline: November 7, 2008.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=159>