

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 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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Conferences

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE KELOWNA, BC- FEB 23-FEB 26, 2009

With more than 100 speakers from the public, private, non-profit, and academic sectors. Featured Topics Include: SustainAble Agriculture / SustainAble Business /Community SustainAbility (for local governments). To register, visit www.regonline.ca/bsc2009
Host & Facilitator: Fresh Outlook Foundation www.freshoutlookfoundation.org • Email: jo@freshoutlookfoundation.org • Phone: 250-766-1777

AGING IN AMERICA CONFERENCE 2009, LAS VEGAS- MARCH 15-19, 2009

The Annual Conference of the American Society on Aging and the National Council on Aging.

Contact: www.agingconference.org

5TH INTERNATIONAL INCLUDE CONFERENCE, ROYAL COLLEGE OF ART, LONDON- APRIL 5-9, 2009

The conference will focus on the innovation derived from inclusive design.

Contact: www.hhc.rca.ac.uk/11345/all/1/include_2009_.aspx

3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ACCESSIBLE TOURISM (ICAT) 2009, SINGAPORE- APRIL 22-25, 2009

Themed "Tourism Unlimited: Access for All" the conference will be hosted by "The Disabled People's Association" which promotes accessible tourism in the Asia-Pacific region.

Contact: www.ICTAT2009.com.sg

2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE INCLUSIVE MUSEUM, UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA- JULY8-10, 2009

The program will include presentations by the leaders in museum studies as well as numerous paper, colloquium and workshop presentations.

Contact: <http://z09.cgpublisher.com>

Announcements

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.praccess.ca/>

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>

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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.

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>

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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.

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.

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

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

Please call toll free 1 (866) HABITAT (422-4828) to speak with a Habitat representative in your area.

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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>

Thanks to : Rural Team BC issued by Brandon Hughes (Canadian Rural Partnership/Service Canada) for the following granting opportunities

WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES AND WORKPLACES PROGRAM

WICWP is a three-year pilot initiative which supports WelcomeBC by fostering inclusive, welcoming and vibrant communities in British Columbia where immigrants can realize their full potential, racism is eliminated, and cultural diversity is valued and celebrated. WICWP has four community-level program elements that focus on immigration, multiculturalism, workplace diversity and issues related to building and sustaining welcoming and inclusive communities. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Knowledge Development & Exchange, Public Education, and Demonstration Projects has been posted on the BC Bid website, which will close on January 15, 2009. For more information, please visit the BC Bid website or review the Welcoming and Inclusive Communities and Workplaces Program Guidelines on the WelcomeBC website at: http://www.welcomebc.ca/en/service_providers/wicwp.html Please note that questions related to this RFQ must be directed in writing to Liz Lowe, Manager Procurement Advisory Services by facsimile at: (250) 387-7309 or by e-mail at: purchasing@gov.bc.ca.

LOOKING FOR A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE IN BC?

Pre-qualify for an enp BC grant by attending a workshop this spring. Enp will host its social enterprise orientation sessions in Vancouver, Nanaimo, Surrey, Kamloops, Revelstoke, Kitimaat Village, Burns Lake, Vanderhoof, and Cranbrook. For additional information and dates, please check our website: www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca

SCHOOL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROVIDES GRANTS!

The School Community Connections program provides grants of up to \$8000.00 to assist in transforming school facilities into vital, lively hubs for community activities and services. Applications must be jointly submitted by a school district and a local municipality. Deadline for submissions has been extended to the end of February. For more information or to learn about the types of projects that have been funded visit <http://www.schoolconnections.ca/>.

NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Northern Development is an independent regional economic development corporation focused on stimulating economic diversification and job creation in central and northern British Columbia, a region that is strategically located, and offers a resource-rich economy with many [competitive advantages](#) and [incentives for business](#). As the leading economic development agency in the region, Northern Development will be the catalyst to inject \$2 billion every decade into communities within the region to realize their economic potential. The corporation supports community economic development initiatives with funding for [economic diversification infrastructure](#), [feasibility studies](#), [marketing](#), [capacity building](#), [grant writing](#), [community halls](#), [recreational facilities](#), and [community foundations](#)

Website: <http://www.northernddevelopment.bc.ca/>

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FUNDING FOR HERITAGE PROJECTS

In honour of BC150, the Province is providing \$1.7 million to celebrate and recognize the significant role that heritage plays in the provincial economy, Tourism, Culture and the Arts Minister Bill Bennett announced today. This funding is provided in partnership with the federal government's Department of Canadian Heritage, in support of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Crown Colony of British Columbia in 1858. The funding is to be allocated in two ways. One million dollars will be provided to support community heritage projects through one-time grants of up to \$20,000. This funding will be administered by the Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia Society and available to registered non-profit societies, registered federal charities and local governments for the creation of heritage legacy projects throughout the province. Projects can include presentations, demonstrations, school tours, historical research, first-person interpretations of people, special events, and minor preservation and maintenance work to heritage sites. The remaining \$700,000 will be provided to the community-based managers of provincial heritage properties such as Barkerville, Fort Steele and Hat Creek Ranch to facilitate similar celebratory and commemorative projects at these significant

Crown-owned historic sites. For more information, please contact the Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia Society, toll-free at 1-877-522-0150 or email bc150-heritagelegacyfund@shaw.ca.

Other News

RURAL BC SECRETARIAT

At the 2008 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention, Premier Gordon Campbell announced the creation of the RuralBC Secretariat, which is working hand-in-hand with rural B.C. communities to ensure they each have the tools to achieve their unique vision for the future. The RuralBC Secretariat within the Ministry of Community Development provides a direct service and information link between the provincial government and B.C.'s rural communities. For example, this website offers local governments, regional districts, communities and families access to funding and assistance programs on-line. <http://www.ruralbc.gov.bc.ca/>

NEW BOOK

Design for Inclusivity: A Practical Guide to Accessible, Innovative and User-Centred Design: A practical guide to innovative and user centred design: by Roger Coleman, John Clarson, Hua Dong and Julia Cassim. See: http://www.ashgate.com/pdf/tis/9780566087073_US..pdf, ISBN:978-0-566-08707-3

Liaison 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.

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MUTN WEBSITE UPDATES

<http://www.measureupthenorth.com/>

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